



PROTECT YOURSELF FROM SCAMS

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From time to time, Sitnasuak Native Corporation (SNC) Shareholders are contacted by individuals claiming to be SNC representatives, telemarketers and others requesting financial or other personal information. **SNC does not ask a Shareholder for personal information over the telephone.**

SNC recommends that Shareholders do not give their bank account, credit card, or any other financial or personal information out over the telephone, by mail, or by email unless you initiate the contact and know who you are dealing with.

Here are some "red flags" that should warn you that a letter, phone call, or email you receive may be a scam:

- High pressure tactics. Beware of phrases like: "You will lose out if you don't act now" or "You won a sweepstakes winnings or proxy prizes and can only claim if you give bank information."
- Don't pay upfront. If you are told you must pay up front to receive your prize or winnings, it's a scam. If you've won something from SNC, it's yours and you will not have to pay anything, including taxes or shipping and handling.
- Refusal to provide written information. If the person or company contacts you but refuses to give information in writing, don't do business with them.
- Unrealistic profits. Be skeptical if you are told that you can make lots of money quickly with no risk, or with no experience or training.
- Be skeptical about free trial offers. Some companies use free trials to sign you up for products and bill you every month until you cancel. Before you agree to a free trial, research the company and read the cancellation policy. And always review your monthly statements for charges you don't recognize.
- Don't believe your caller ID. Technology makes it easy for scammers to fake caller ID information, so the name and number you see aren't always real. If someone calls asking for money or personal information, hang up. If you think the caller might be telling the truth, call back to a number you know is genuine.
- Talk to someone. Before you give any money or personal information, talk to someone you trust. Con artists want you to make decisions in a hurry. They might even threaten you. Slow down, check out the story, do an online search, consult an expert, or just tell a friend.

If you receive a telephone call that includes any of these or similar suspicious red flags, just hang up. You don't have to listen. Remember that telemarketing fraud is a crime and the people who practice it are criminals.



If you receive a call from someone claiming to be from SNC and are unsure (1) do not give out any personal or financial information, (2) hang up and contact our Shareholder Department to report at (907) 387-1200 in Nome, (907) 929-7000 in Anchorage, or toll-free at 1-877-443-2632.

If you believe you have been scammed, you can report it to the Alaska Consumer Protection unit at (907) 269-5200, or file a report online at <http://www.law.state.ak.us/department/civil/consumer/cpindex.html>.