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Watch Out for Spoofed Phone Calls Appearing to come from the Nebraska Attorney General's Office

Lincoln - Attorney General Doug Peterson is issuing a nationwide consumer alert regarding spoofed phone calls. This morning, callers from across the nation reported phone calls appearing to be from the Nebraska Attorney General's Office. In most of the reports, consumers have a missed phone call and no voicemail from (402) 471-2683, which is one of the phone numbers of the Attorney General's Office. One consumer who answered the call reported that the scammer was attempting to sell him car insurance. Another report indicated the scammer claimed to be with "The Attorney General's Office" and wanted to discuss "urgent matters".

Phone scammers often impersonate government officials in an attempt to coerce you into sending them money or to steal your personal information. Scammers are getting bolder, more creative and more aggressive and often mask their true identities to convince unsuspecting victims their demands for money or information are legitimate. In this case, the scammers are "spoofing" or altering the number that appears on a consumer's caller ID to make it appear to be an official call.

Regardless of their tactics, their goal is the same: to trick you into losing your hard earned money or your personal information. Do not yield to scammers' threats and intimidation and do not fall prey to their demands.

“The Attorney General’s Office will never call you to sell anything,” said General Peterson. “If you think the call may legitimately be from our office, please hang up and call back to one of the office’s phone numbers. Then you will undoubtedly be speaking with our office and not a scam artist trying to impersonate a government official.”

If you would like to contact our office regarding this scam, please contact the Nebraska Consumer Protection Division of the Attorney General’s Office at protectthegoodlife.nebraska.gov or 800-727-6432.

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