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Sending a military care package: What you need to know

BY MILITARY ONESOURCE

Military care packages deliver a welcome piece of home to your service member while they're away – whether that's your child, fiancé, sibling or friend. They help both of you stay connected despite distance or duty.

Here are some appropriate ways to send those care packages to your service member throughout their time in the military.

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Do you know about the National Resource Directory?

BY NATIONAL RESOURCE DIRECTORY

The National Resource Directory (www.NRD.gov) represents one of the largest online collections of government and non-government resources specifically for Service Members, Veterans, Families and Military Caregivers, with a particular emphasis on wounded, ill, or injured Service Members and Veterans. Visitors to the NRD will find information on a variety of topics, including benefits and compensation, education and training, family and caregiver support, health, homeless assistance, housing, and other services and resources.

The organizations, agencies or programs listed as resources on the NRD are reviewed regularly to ensure they continue to meet the changing needs of service members, veterans, families and military caregivers. The NRD is a searchable database of more than 18,000 vetted resources for Service Members, Veterans, Family Members and Caregivers that provide information to all eras.

The NRD.gov website is free to access and mobile friendly. It also provides a unique addition of resources for caregivers through the electronic Caregiver Resource Directory (eCRD), which can be found on the homepage.

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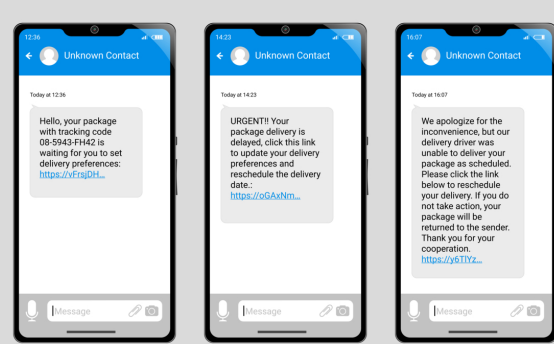


BBB tip: How to spot and avoid job scams this holiday season

BY BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

Retailers and shippers traditionally hire seasonal workers to fulfill holiday shoppers' demands, whether online or in person. These jobs are a great way to make extra money, sometimes with the possibility of turning into a long-term employment opportunity. However, they are sometimes not all that they seem.

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BBB scam alert: Don't click on that text! 5 ways to avoid delivery scams

BY BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

Most consumers love the convenience of making purchases online and having them shipped straight to their doorstep. But with millions of packages delivered each year, con artists and thieves have developed many ways to steal from shoppers. Fortunately, there are also many ways to protect yourself from their shady tactics.

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Don't let scammers get in the way of your holiday shopping

BY FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

As the holiday season approaches, it seems like there are more and more fake shopping sites. The ads on social media show expensive products like electric

scooters, designer bags, and other popular toys and gifts at unbelievably low prices.

Many of these bogus sites use photos and logos the scammers steal from legitimate businesses, but they won't send you authentic products. If you're wondering how to avoid these phony offers, there are a few ways to help you detect them.

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Six tips to consider when you're offered a retail store credit card

BY CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU

For shoppers looking to take advantage of holiday sales, many department stores and large retailers now offer their own credit cards. These cards typically provide additional discounts and frequent shopper rewards when used exclusively at their stores or with affiliate retailers. Many cards may also include special no-interest or deferred-interest offers on purchases made during a promotional period.

Retail store credit cards can seem like a harmless way to gain additional savings, especially as you're checking out at the register. If the card is not used wisely, however, signing up could have a financial impact that lasts well beyond the holidays.

Before you start your holiday shopping this year, be prepared with the pros and cons so you can make an informed decision when the offers come.

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