



# BROOK POLICE NEWS



**December 1, 2025 | Bolingbrook, IL | Community Alert: Financial Scams**

The Bolingbrook Police Department would like to inform our residents about a current trend in scams that is being reported and provide tips on how to protect yourself from becoming a victim.

Scammers are calling residents from spoofed, or cloned phone numbers pretending to represent local police departments or other government agencies. These calls show up on caller ID as real phone numbers used by police departments and government agencies. The scammers often identify themselves as a police officer or government official and tell you to make an immediate payment to avoid being arrested. They will ask you to make payment by providing a credit card number, bank account information, buying gift cards, or by paying them in bitcoin.

**Police departments and government agencies will not call you to threaten you with arrest if you do not make immediate payment by these means.**

If you receive a call like this, you should:

NOT COMPLY WITH ANY REQUEST

HANG UP IMMEDIATELY

CONTACT THE BOLINGBROOK POLICE DEPARTMENT AT 630-226-8600 TO VERIFY THE CALL

Other ways you can protect yourself from scams:

1. If at any time during a phone call you think you're being scammed, hang up, locate a valid number for who you believe called you, then verify that phone call
2. Never open links texted to you from unknown numbers, or email addresses
3. Never make payments to anyone asking you to buy gift cards, or deposit money into a BITCOIN ATM

If you do become the victim of a scam, contact The Bolingbrook Police Department at 630-226-8660 to file a report.