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Public Service Announcement

Beware of Fraud and Scam Artists

START DATE: IMMEDIATELY
KILL DATE: July 1, 2024
RUN TIME: 60 SECONDS

If your home or personal property was damaged from the March 14 tornadoes, be careful when giving out your personal information.

Understand how to spot scams to protect yourself. If you're approached by a contractor at your home, always ask questions and don't commit to a contract on the same day.

Fraudulent activity typically increases after disasters. Con artists may try to get money from you or ask for personal information to try and steal your identity.

Remember, FEMA never asks for money and never requires payment. And ask to see I.D., FEMA personnel will always have an official identification badge.

If you get suspicious emails, phone calls, or even a suspicious visit at your home – report it to local authorities. You can also call 800-621-3362 to verify a FEMA call or visit is legitimate.

To report a suspected case of disaster fraud, call the Fraud Hotline at 866-720-5721.

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