

### **Wise Thoughts**

You've just settled in on the couch after a long day when you hear your phone alert you that you have a new text message.

"CONGRATULATIONS, iPhone User! You've won an Amazon Gift Card!"

You can't believe your luck! You click on the link and it takes you to a webpage you've never been to before and wants your name, address, credit card information, and your social security number to verify your identity.

Would you give that out? According to the FTC, one in ten adults fall victim to a scam or fraud every year. And in our ever-changing digital society, scammers are getting smarter—using phone calls, emails, and even text messages to get our confidential information.

Once you've given a scammer access to your account through passwords, account or debit card numbers, or PIN numbers there's often very little you can do to recoup your losses as you have given them permission. In addition to losing money you can't get back, you also may have to close cards and accounts to keep you from further fraud.

**NEVER give out your full social security number,** any login or passwords for email, home banking, etc., or your PIN number. GMFCU will never ask for this information when contacting you, and neither should anyone else. You should always make sure you know the person you're talking to before giving out other confidential information, such as your routing and account numbers, your debit or credit card number/expiration/security code, or the MICR line from the bottom of the check.

So, what can you do? The best way to combat fraud is to STOP and DROP.

**STOP. Think about the message.** Did you ask for help? Did you order something or register for a prize or lottery? Has your credit or debit card expired? Do you have a credible reason to believe you or someone you love is truly in trouble? If the answer is no...

**DROP.** Don't click on links or call numbers. If it's an email, mark it as spam and delete. If it's a text message, delete or ignore the message. If it's a phone call, don't answer the call...or hang up the moment you realize it's a scam! Don't worry about being rude—remember, you didn't ask for them to contact you.

Remember, taking a few seconds to assess the situation could save your assets!

Yours in Prosperity,

Jerry Wise,
President & CEO



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