

BEWARE OF JOB

FRAUD



Learn the red flags to look out for in your job search.



THEY'RE ASKING YOU TO SHOP FOR THEM

A position in which you are offered income in exchange for the use of your bank account. Typically, you are asked to deposit a check (sometimes for thousands of dollars) and then purchase gift cards and other items, keeping a portion for yourself.



YOU HAVE TO SEND THEM MONEY

Be wary if a potential employer asks you to send them payments by wire service or courier.



THE JOB SOUNDS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE

Be skeptical if a potential employer offers a large salary for very little work – especially those that promise thousands of dollars of income per month with little or no experience required.



THE JOB THEY OFFER ISN'T THE ONE YOU APPLIED FOR

Be wary if a company posts a position and then changes it to something else when they contact you.



THEY WON'T MEET YOU FACE TO FACE

Make sure there is face-to-face (or in a remote environment, video conference) interaction with the hiring manager and that communication is not done strictly over the phone or email before accepting a job.



YOU CAN'T VERIFY THEIR INFORMATION

Google the employer to see if an active webpage exists. Make sure your contact's email uses a company domain, not a personal domain like Gmail. If still in doubt, call the contact on the main company number. If unable to speak directly to contact, do not proceed in applying.



THEY ARE ASKING FOR PERSONAL INFORMATION

While it's standard to share your full name and contact information with a potential employer, be wary if asked to give credit card, bank account, driver's license, passport or birth certificate information BEFORE you are hired.



YOU'LL BE WORKING FROM HOME

Due to COVID-19, working from home is now more common. Be sure to research the company and position in advance of applying to ensure that this is a legitimate opportunity.

If you have questions about fraudulent jobs, please contact us at careerrecruiting@ucr.edu.