

Advance Fee Loan Scam

Ads promising loans appear in classified sections of local and national newspapers, magazines and recently on the internet on sites like Kijiji and Craigslist..

People tend to think that because an ad is published with a recognized media outlet that the ad is real and legitimate.

Often these types of ads will guarantee you a loan even if you have bad credit. Often the loans offer very attractive interest rates. They normally request an upfront fee. This is the first warning sign that a company wants you to send them money to borrow money. The scammers behind these companies will require the victim to wire them money or give them a credit card number. The victim will never get the promised loan and will never get their money back. The scammer will stop answering phone calls and emails and move on to another victim. The scammers are usually in other countries and investigation by law enforcement authorities may not be possible.

In some cases the scammers will go to the length of creating fake websites with official logos that have simply been cut and pasted. Phone numbers utilized are often pay as you go cell phones and scammer use WiFi Hotpoint's to send and receive emails. It is recommended that people only try and obtain loans from recognized established financial institutions. There is an onus on all everyone who tries to obtain a loan to conduct proper due diligence.