

Before you share information

Use this checklist before entering sensitive information or acting on an unexpected payment message. A hostname match or HTTPS connection does not by itself prove a creditor, license, price or approval.

Hostname checked (do not copy private query strings or tokens)

Recipient and role shown in the actual notices

Purpose of the information request and permissions described

Secure submission or verified contact channel

Creditor and documents identified in any offer

Unanswered question or suspicious instruction to verify

Stop and check before paying

An advance-payment demand combined with guaranteed approval is a warning discussed by the FTC. Do not send gift cards, credentials or one-time codes to an unsolicited person. Independently verify new payment instructions through an established contact. Source: consumer.ftc.gov/articles/what-know-about-advance-fee-loans.