

FRAUDULENT CHECK-CASHING SCAM WARNING

HOPPE North America ("HOPPE") has recently learned about a check-cashing scam that involves the use of its company name.

The scheme operates as follows: The perpetrator sends a potential victim a letter and fake check by United States mail, purportedly from HOPPE. The letter states that the potential victim has been selected to be a secret shopper or that the potential victim is the winner of a sweepstakes. The potential victim is asked to cash the fake check and send a portion of the check amount to the perpetrator and keep the remaining portion for themselves.

Please be aware that any such solicitation, secret shopper program, sweepstakes, lottery, contest or other program is **NOT** sanctioned, endorsed, authorized or approved by HOPPE in any way. Any check sent to individuals as part of such program is fraudulent and should not be cashed.

HOPPE does **NOT** administer, organize or operate any secret shopper programs, sweepstakes, contests or other similar programs.

In the event that **you** receive any unexpected letter or phone call purporting to be from HOPPE, we advise the following:

1. Do not respond to unsolicited offers from people you are unfamiliar with.
2. Do not disclose your personal/financial details to anyone you do not know.
3. Contact the police or your state attorney general's office if you have lost money as a result of the scam or you have disclosed personal/financial information to the organization operating this scam.
4. Take the entire mailing, including the envelope, to your local post office for investigation by postal inspectors. (<https://postalinspectors.uspis.gov/> for more details.)
5. Finally, for scam mailings purportedly emanating from or related to HOPPE North America, we advise that you contact the following for confirmation:

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205 E. Blackhawk Drive
Fort Atkinson, WI 53538-1268 USA
Phone 920-563-2626
Fax 920-563-4408