App Security Scam

FRAUD ALERT

There are apps to fill the needs of virtually every cell-phone user, but consumers should be careful not to let an app scam them.

Potential problems may occur if a user forgets about an app that was downloaded long ago. Although an app initially may have been secure, it can become vulnerable to security flaws. A dormant app increases the probability of data, such as locations, contacts and photos, being shared with third parties.

To learn about other frauds, visit **http://da.lacounty.gov/community/fraud-alerts**.

Helpful Tips

- Delete apps that you do not use. They can be downloaded again if needed.

- Verify the app's maker before downloading it to the device.

- Keep your apps and devices updated to ensure they are protected from security flaws.

If you or someone you know has been the victim of a scam, please **contact your local law enforcement agency.**

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