



Green Dot/Prepaid Card Scam



The Scam:

Citizens are losing countless amounts of their hard earned money in a phone scam involving Prepaid, Green Dot, and/or MoneyPak cards. After receiving a call or message from someone who claims to be collecting a debt, calling from a Utility Company, local police, the IRS, insurance company, etc; people are being threatened with the loss of their heat, electric, possible deportation, arrest, and criminal prosecution. Here are three common scenarios:

- IRS Scam** A caller informs the victim that they owe back taxes to the IRS and must make immediate payment with a prepaid debit/credit card or face arrest or prosecution.
- Accident Scam** The victim's family member had a car accident and the caller threatens physical violence unless immediate reimbursement is made with a prepaid debit/credit card.
- Utility Scam** Utility companies demand immediate payment by prepaid debit/credit card or your electricity or gas will be turned off.

Report It.

If you can not verify the I.D., feel unsafe, or suspect criminal activity, call 911 immediately.

What You Can Do



Caution

Be suspicious of callers who demand immediate payment for any reason.



Information

Never give out personal or financial information to anyone who emails or calls you unsolicited.

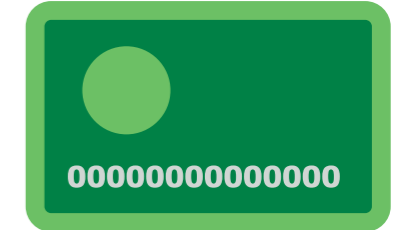
Know Them

Never wire money, provide debit or credit card numbers or Green Dot Money-Pak card numbers to someone you do not know.



Know This

Utility companies and government agencies will never contact you demanding payment by prepaid debit/credit card.



Remember

Remember that anyone who has the number on a personal or prepaid debit/credit cards have access to the funds on the card.