

Beware of package pending spam text messages. Scammers are sneakier than ever!

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Fraudsters are at it again with a new “package pending” text message scam that claims a package is waiting for you to pick up and offers a link to click for more information.

By pretending to be a delivery notification for a package, these types of texts are an attempt to steal your personal data and financial information or sign you up for bogus subscriptions if you’re not careful. If you receive an unsolicited text like this, delete it immediately and block the number.

Police believe the text senders may have purchased your name and cell phone number from a data breach incident. Because they only have a portion of your data, it’s not useful to them and they can’t scam you unless you provide the remaining information.

A recently reported spam text message read like this:

“(Your Name) we came across a parcel from March pending for you. Kindly claim ownership and schedule for delivery here: [lmascammer.com](#).”

The response link may look legitimate, but it’s not. Learn more about how to [recognize and report](#) a spam text message.

It’s reported that people who clicked the link were told they’d won a gift card. They were required to complete a form giving their personal information and agreement to pay a monthly subscription along with their credit card number to pay for it. They were scammed *twice*.

Protect yourself against unsolicited texts

1. **NEVER** click on an unsolicited link sent to you via text or email. DELETE IT!
2. **NEVER** provide personally identifiable information like your name, date of birth, Social Security number, etc.
3. **NEVER** provide debit or credit card information.

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