



# BURBANK POLICE DEPARTMENT

200 North Third Street, Burbank, CA 91502

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN

### BEWARE OF SCAM ARTISTS

Recently the Burbank Police Department has been made aware of situations in which individuals enter an open business and inform employees they are there to perform a “fire inspection and safety test.”

Things to consider if someone contacts/approaches you:

- Do they have a uniform on from the company they are from?
- Do they have a business card from the company they are from?
- Do they have an invoice with the correct address for the business?
- Do they have someone who “approved” the work to be done?
- Are they seeking immediate payment for work? (typically businesses get invoiced for services and do not pay with cash or checks on site)



In one case an individual gave an employee, the name of the business they supposedly worked for. The alert business employee “Googled” the company name several different ways, but could not find any such business. When she questioned the individual he walked out of the business.



The Burbank Police Department encourages you to be vigilant, to question and ask anyone you do not recognize, you did not schedule, or who comes into your business stating they are there to do work.

If you observe any suspicious individual or activity or if you have been a victim of scams like this, please call the Burbank Police Department at [\(818\)238-3000](tel:8182383000).



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