

# MONEY MULES FUEL FRAUD

## WHAT ARE MONEY MULES?

Money mules are people who receive and move money obtained from victims of fraud. Some money mules know they've been recruited to assist criminal activity, but others become money mules without realizing their activity is benefiting fraudsters.

## HOW DO PEOPLE BECOME MONEY MULES?

- Responding to a job advertisement or social media post that promises easy money for little effort.
- Helping someone they've met online (possibly on a dating website) or over the phone by agreeing to receive and transfer money.

## DON'T ASSIST FRAUDSTERS. THINK TWICE BEFORE YOU:

- Open a bank account at someone else's direction.
- Give someone access to your bank account or debit card.
- Move money at someone else's direction.
- Allow money from people you don't know to be deposited into your account.
- Take a job that promises easy money and involves sending or receiving money or packages.
- Purchase virtual currency or gift cards on someone else's behalf.
- Agree to receive or forward packages, especially those containing money or merchandise.

By receiving and transmitting criminal proceeds, money mules oftentimes engage in criminal offenses.

Money mules help international criminal networks steal money from senior citizens, businesses, and people just like you.

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For more information, please visit:

[www.justice.gov/civil/consumer-protection-branch/money-mule-initiative](http://www.justice.gov/civil/consumer-protection-branch/money-mule-initiative)



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