

The Christmas shopping season is coming up quickly so here is a great article from Yahoo on some of the more common shopping scams and other rip-offs. There's some good information and we have seen some of this locally, the "smishing" text message scams in particular. Specifically, people having texts that are supposedly from Founders Credit Union. A substantial number of Lancaster County residents have accounts with Founders, so it's safe to assume that if you send out a bunch of messages at least some of them will go to Founders customers. A good rule of thumb is that no other financial institutions are going to conduct their business by text message. Anytime you get a text or e-mail from your bank or credit union, call one of the branches to verify it and then notify us.

<http://shopping.yahoo.com/articles/yshoppingarticles/448/the-sneakiest-new-shopping-scams/>

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