

Scams-A-Lot Series

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These two links provide insight into two scams which can have significant impact on you if you become a victim:

1. From Malware Bytes Labs.

Fake App Stores: When you want to download a particular application from a legitimate website, such as the Apple Store and Google Play Store, these scams instead try to steer you to fraudulent sites. Applications on these sites do not have the imprimatur of Apple and Google and downloading them to your PC or cell phone and can infect these platforms with unwanted malware. Unfortunately, scammers are very good at copying the look and feel of the legitimate sites and if you are not extremely careful you could fall prey to their scams.

<https://www.malwarebytes.com/blog/scams/2026/03/friendlydealer-mimics-official-app-stores-to-push-unvetted-gambling-apps>

2. An alert from APCUG of which the WV Computer Club is a member. (The Association of Personal Computer User Groups is an international, cross-platform association. It is a valuable resource for technology and computer user groups, helping them stay connected, informed, and effective in their mission to support and educate their members.)

Tax season is a unique opportunity for scammers to find new victims to steal money from. APCUG recently provided this link to a Youtube video which gives some helpful tips on how to avoid tax related scams:

<https://youtu.be/J1YBLJFMUbo>