

Scam Series Introduction

Sources of Information and Help

The goal of the Scam Series is to **foster skepticism** among Computer Club members in dealing with the various ways they interact with the computerized world: internet, phones, retail services.

Webster’s dictionary defines skepticism as “an attitude of doubt or a disposition to incredulity either, in general, or toward a particular object”. To this end the series provides information about various forms of scams which, when taken as a whole, helps to develop a fuller picture of the “scam threat environment”

The Scam Series Model consists of four sectors of information about scams and an email process (the Hub) to inform Computer Club members on how to access these sectors (see the table). While there are redundancies, these areas approach the subject in somewhat different ways.

All information is posted on the WV Computer Club’s website: wvcomputerclub.org. Updates are posted as necessary; reminders will be sent to Club members monthly, or more often, if appropriate.

The Computer Club Editor manages the Hub, adds content to the sectors, suggests programs, and is a point of contact for CC members.

Anyone can contribute information to the sectors, but contributions will be vetted and edited as appropriate. When something new is identified, the Editor will notify CC members via email.

Access to most content about scams will be via links. Articles will not be rewritten, but links may have a brief summary (possibly written by AI) about why the link would be important to follow.

Sector	Content/Purpose
1	Reference Documents: scam types and terms explained, Introduction
2	Governmental Organizations with scam Expertise, advice, etc
3	Publications: links to Trusted Sources of Information about scams such as: New York Times, Wash Post, AARP, Consumer Reports, Anti scam tools
4	WV internal sources: Computer Club publications and programs, Help Desk Access
Email Hub	Awareness notes; Interconnections – via Email Hub: messages sent to CC members as appropriate to the theme.

