

●● BEWARE OF FRAUD & SCAMS ●●●

We've seen Floridians pull together every time we're faced with a difficult situation. Unfortunately, some unscrupulous individuals hoping to profit from people's misfortune may attempt to pose as government officials and scam you of your personal information. FEMA recommends the following precautions:

- Federal workers do not solicit or accept money.
- Ask for an official laminated ID. A FEMA shirt or jacket is not absolute proof of identity.
- Safeguard personal information: Do not give personal information such as Social Security and bank account numbers unless you initiate the call.
- Beware of people going door-to-door. People going door-to-door to damaged homes, or phoning homeowners claiming to be building contractors could be scam artists, especially if they solicit financial information.

Price gauging is another area Floridians need to be aware of. State law prohibits an unconscionable increase in the price of essential commodities needed as a direct result of an officially declared emergency such as food, water, hotels, ice, gasoline, lumber and equipment. For more information, please call **(866) 966-7226** or visit **<http://www.myfloridalegal.com/Contact.nsf/PriceGouging!OpenForm>**.