



# New To Bitcoin?

## Government Agencies Don't Ask For Payments in Bitcoin

Get a call or email telling you that you need to pay a bill, fine or fee with bitcoin? It is a **SCAM**. Utilities, jails and government agencies do not ask for payment in bitcoin, scammers do.

## Bitcoin Payments Are Final

Once you send bitcoin to another person you cannot get your money back. Be wary of new online "friends" who ask you to help them by sending bitcoin.

## Report Potential Scams to IC3.gov

Report suspicious requests to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center ([www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov)).



## Learn More About Cryptocurrency

There are numerous online resources to learn more about cryptocurrencies. This includes information available from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau ([www.cfpb.gov](http://www.cfpb.gov)) and the Federal Trade Commission ([www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov)).

## About Scam Squad

Scam Squad, a task force organized by the Cuyahoga County Department of Consumer Affairs, unites nonprofits and social service agencies with local, state and federal law enforcement in the fight against fraud.

To learn more call **216-443-7226** or visit:

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