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SPECIAL UPDATE:

State Agencies in Texas Warn License Holders of New Scams

State agencies in Texas are warning license holders amid new scam tactics that impersonate a state regulatory agency. These scams are becoming more sophisticated and harder to spot, making it crucial for licensees to know how to recognize these scams and protect themselves and their personal data from harm. Keep reading to learn how your license and profession may be targeted, and how to report these scams.

Texas Board of Nursing:

The Texas Board of Nursing (BON) continues to receive updates concerning fraudulent telephone <u>calls</u> and <u>falsified document scams</u>. The BON says if you receive a robocall with a Caller ID indicating it is The Texas Board of Nursing, hang up. They do not utilize any robocall technology in contacting nurses or nurse candidates. Scams involving falsified documents will often include requests for large amounts of money as a "security bond" via a wire transfer to an international bank account, or state that the agencies who are alleged to be looking into the incident will keep the investigation quiet if the nurse sends money, or agrees to meet at a neutral location to discuss the are situation further. Scammers frequently changing tactics, so nurses and applicants need to remain vigilant in safeguarding their personal information. Nurses are encouraged to cease communication with a suspected scam, contact the BON independently to verify any information and report the attempted fraud as soon as possible.

You can report information on scammers to the Texas Office of the Attorney General (OAG). Click here to learn how to <u>identify a scam</u> and <u>how to report a scammer.</u>

You can also utilize <u>BBB Scam Tracker</u> to report a scam, see if similar scams have been reported, and warn others to avoid similar schemes.

Don't Risk Your License in 2025

As the new year begins, your regulatory agency will hold board meetings to discuss previous and upcoming agency changes and a look at the year ahead. By staying informed and involved with your regulatory agency and any potential changes, you can reduce the risk of disciplinary action, suspension, or revocation of your professional license.

We've simplified this for license holders by creating **Know Your Regulator**, a free informational resource from Bertolino LLP that keeps licensees up to date with changes within their regulatory agency. Our Know Your Regulator bulletin is periodically delivered to your inbox, and includes important information about your governing regulatory agency such as, proposed and adopted rules, important news updates, opportunities for licensees to get involved, and upcoming board meetings.

Take Action!

- Subscribe to Know Your Regulator's **podcast** and bulletin mailing list.
- Attend your <u>upcoming regulatory agency board meetings</u>.
- Make sure your agency has your most up-to-date contact information.
- Receive our free eBook, "Know Your Regulator: How You Can Take More Control of Your Professional Life Through Involvement in Your Regulated Industry".

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