Safe Online Job Searching

Avoiding Job Posting Scams –
General Tips For Students

It is very important for you to educate yourself about potential scams. Here are some good tips that the job is probably fraudulent:

- The promise of a large salary for very little work - especially those that state thousands of dollars of income per month with little or no experience required.

- Positions that ask you to give credit card, PayPal or bank account numbers, or copies of personal documents.

- Jobs that ask you to send payment by wire service or courier.

- Positions in which you are offered a large payment or reward in exchange for allowing the use of your bank account - often for depositing checks or transferring money.

- While there are legitimate opportunities for individuals to work from home, be sure to research the position in advance of applying.

- If you suspect a position listed on Job Connection is fraudulent, please contact the Worksite Coordinator: frascella@sbcc.edu or call (805) 730-4133. If you believe you are the victim of fraud resulting from a job listing, please contact the local police as well.

More Resources for Safe Online Job Searching:

- Job-Hunting/Job Scams from the Federal Trade Commission
- World Privacy Forum: Job Seekers' Guide to Resumes: Twelve Resume Posting Truths
- Privacy Rights Clearinghouse: Avoiding Online Job Scams
- 6 Safety Tips for Online Job Seekers
- Monster.com: A Safe Job Search