WOMEN'S FOUNDATION of BOSTON

PROTECT YOUR DONATIONS
A GUIDE TO AVOIDING EMAIL SCAMS

Advances in Artificial Intelligence (AI) have multiplied the number of authentic-appearing email scams. Utilize this checklist to stay vigilant against scams, and protect your generous donations and philanthropic intentions from hackers.

- [ ] Install two-factor authentication on email and banking accounts.
- [ ] Verify the sender email address before following any instructions. You can do this by clicking on the sender's name. Confirm that email address looks legitimate. Email addresses from the Foundation end in wfboston.org
- [ ] Beware of misspellings and strange formatting.
- [ ] Scrutinize links and attachments in emails. Hover your mouse over URLs to view where links go. Verify that links go to legitimate websites. Do not download anything suspicious.
- [ ] Be cautious with any email that demands urgent action, or one that contains any harsh or guilt tripping language.

Third-party websites can also be used to confirm message authenticity. Sites such as Charity Navigator and Candid GuideStar can be used to research nonprofits and their work. The Women's Foundation of Boston has earned the Candid Platinum Seal for transparency.

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IF YOU ARE EVER CONCERNED ABOUT AN EMAIL THAT APPEARS TO BE A SCAM, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT US