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### Fraud Alert

Please be on the lookout for fraudulent checks showing up in your mailbox. One of our employees received a fraudulent check addressed to her at the police department.

How to spot a fraudulent check:

1. Examine the check. Most legitimate business checks will have one edge that is rough or perforated.
2. Look for a bank logo on the check. If there is no bank logo the check is likely fake.
3. Check for irregularities. Check for spelling or typing errors within any of the printed areas. If you spot a misspelling the check is likely fraudulent.
4. Checks that accompany letters which request the recipient to send money back in exchange for cashing the check are always fraudulent.

Thing to do with a questionable check:

1. Check with your local bank to see if the check is fraudulent.
2. Contact the company who supposedly wrote the check. Legitimate businesses become victims of fraud and have their information printed on fraudulent checks.
3. Don't cash suspicious checks without talking to your bank first.
4. Contact your local law enforcement agency.

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