

International Students BEWARE:

Scammers are taking advantage of the current uncertainty by targeting international students with fake ICE communications.

- We want to remind you that NO US government agency will ask you to IMMEDIATELY deposit or send money to any account and certainly will NOT ask you to purchase a gift card for fines or reimbursements.
- Department of Homeland Security (including USCIS/ICE) will not ask you to email them a copy of your New Mexico ID or passport.
- A known scam has been reported throughout the US with multiple cases at UNM where scammers have impersonated a government agent (ICE agents) and/or UNM staff member.
- If you receive a call from someone stating they are from UNM or ICE asking you to urgently pay money to remain in the US and avoid deportation, STOP, hang up and contact GEO AND report it to the UNM Police (505-277-2241). On the weekend, you can contact us on the emergency line at: (505-277-4436)
- Remember – UNM or the US Government will never ask you for immediate payment over the phone so DO NOT GIVE MONEY WITHOUT CALLING GEO!!!
- If someone from the GEO office calls you about an immigration matter, we will identify ourselves and you can check the staff website to be sure it is someone from our office. If you do NOT know the staff member, tell the person you will hang up and call our office directly to ensure it's not a spoofed number (OR USE WHATSAPP VIDEO, ZOOM OR FACETIME TO BE SURE IT IS WHO YOU THINK IT IS).
- If you receive a suspicious email, DO NOT CLICK ON ANY LINKS AND report it as “phishing” with UNM IT.