

# PROTECT YOURSELF FROM SCAMS

**HAVE YOU RECEIVED A NOTIFICATION THAT YOU WON A DRAWING? STOP! THIS LETTER IS A SCAM.**

Northern Trust is aware of and would like to warn consumers of a new scam that is using the names of commercial banks, including Northern Trust, in an attempt to swindle consumers.

## WHAT IS HAPPENING?

Letters that fraudulently claim to be from Northern Trust “Northern Funds” have been reported in various locations. The letters, which begin by stating “We are pleased to inform you that you are one of the winners of North American Consumer Promotion Draw”, have been appearing over that past several months, and may contain checks in the amount of \$985.20 and claim the recipient has won \$49,260.

***Nature of the Scam:*** Recipients receive a letter claiming that they have won a “North American Consumer Promotion Draw” in the amount of \$49,260. The letters ask for tax money owed on the winning amount to be paid up front, and contain checks from banks such as J.P. Morgan Chase, to be used towards the tax requirement. These checks are not legitimate and should not be cashed or deposited.

***Red Flags:*** The address listed for Northern Trust is not correct, nor is the letterhead showing the most recent logo. In addition, the letters are often postmarked from locations outside of Chicago, including Canada.

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## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Always check the veracity of claims before sharing personal information or sending money. Scams can occur via email, postal mail, and even via the phone. Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Sample letter below –if you receive a letter that looks like this, or is similar to this in any way, it is not legitimate and no action should be taken.

