

# FRAUD ALERT!

## Powerball Email Scam

Recently, a number of consumers have received an email titled "Claim Your Powerball Prize" - these emails are a scam.

Powerball, and other Pennsylvania lotteries, do not notify winners via email. The scam is an attempt to gain access to your personal information such as your social security numbers or bank account information. If you have truly won the lottery Jackpot prize, you must file a claim in person at the lottery headquarters in order to receive your prize.

The Pennsylvania Lottery Security Office suggests that if you believe you have a winning lottery Jackpot ticket, you should sign the back of the ticket and keep it in a safe place until you have a chance to file your claim. You should also seek the advice of an attorney or financial advisor prior to filing your claim.

If you receive a suspicious email or other correspondence claiming to be from lottery headquarters, you can call the Pennsylvania Lottery Security Office at (717) 986-4755 or visit their website at [www.palottery.state.pa.us](http://www.palottery.state.pa.us). Do not respond to the message. By responding, you alert the sender that your email account is active and give incentive for spammers to increase the amount of fraudulent messages sent to you.

If you have lost money as a result of this type of scheme, or released any personal or financial information, please contact the Office of Attorney General's Bureau of Consumer Protection at 1-800-441-2555, or visit the website at [www.attorneygeneral.gov](http://www.attorneygeneral.gov).

**For more information or to report a scam- contact any one of the Task Force members:**

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