



# SAFETY ADVISORY

## Fraud – Job Posting Scam

AU Police is investigating several recent attempts to defraud students seeking employment through the AUSG Jobs & Internship Board. The scheme required the job applicant to deposit a fake check and wire funds to the prospective employer.

**To reduce your risk of fraud, follow these safety tips:**

- **Look for these signs of a job scam:**
  - You need to pay to get the job
  - You need to deposit a check and wire funds to the hiring firm
  - You need to supply your credit card or bank account information
  - The posting contains a large number of spelling/grammatical errors
  - The employer's name does not match the e-mail or web address
- **Before accepting a job or using a job placement service:**
  - Check with the original hiring company and verify the firm is really hiring through the service
  - Get details in writing about the job
- **If you spot a possible scam:**
  - Notify Public Safety at 202-885-2527
  - Do not apply to the job or provide any personal information
- **If you are the victim of a job scam:**
  - Notify Public Safety at 202-885-2527
  - File a complaint with the FTC at [www.ftc.gov/complaint](http://www.ftc.gov/complaint)
  - Go to [www.identitytheft.gov](http://www.identitytheft.gov) to learn how to protect yourself if your personal identifiers or bank account has been compromised.

If you have concerns about fraud, please call the Department of Public Safety at **202-885-3636** or submit an **anonymous tip** at [American.edu/finance/publicsafety/tips.cfm](http://American.edu/finance/publicsafety/tips.cfm)

If you are **on-campus** and have an **emergency**, call **202-885-3636** immediately.

If you are **off-campus** and have an **emergency**, call **911** immediately.