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Unfortunately, there are people out there looking to take advantage of individuals looking for work. One of our diligent Messenger Associates clients recently discovered an apparent scam disguised as a job posting on Craigslist. The posting directed applicants to click on a suspicious link in email (part of the address included www-teggel-com) before uploading a resume.

We'd like to remind you that you can't always trust what you read online. Here are some tips to help you avoid online scams in your job search:

- Carefully scrutinize any job postings you read online
- You NEVER need to pay money to get a job
- Do not pay for services offering job leads. You can access the same listings yourself for free
- Do not click on any links in an email from a questionable source
- Do not download anything unless you trust the source
- Do not provide any personal information such as your social security number

Overall, remember to use common sense. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

[Think it's real? Check before you click](#)

Before trusting a link found in the body of an email, open your internet browser and type the web address manually into your address bar. If it is a long string of numbers/letters/symbols, just enter the beginning of the address.

Perform a Google search using the company or website name and "scam" as keywords. For general information, search Google for "job posting scams"

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"I'm a great believer in luck, and I find the harder I work the more I have of it." --Thomas Jefferson

MAI News:

Did you know the [MAI website](#) includes an excellent collection of web-based resources for job seekers, entrepreneurs, and individuals pursuing retirement. Click the [Resources](#) tab for more information.