

RECORDER'S NOTES
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Motor Vehicle Fraud Alert:

Toll road text scam warning

There has been an increase in fraudulent texts and emails claiming customers have unpaid toll charges. These messages, often labeled as a "Toll Road Notice of Toll Evasion," instruct recipients to click a link to make a payment or face late fees with the Department of Motor Vehicle.

This is a scam known as smishing—a form of fraud that uses text messages to steal personal information or install malware.

Common smishing scams include:

- Fake toll payment requests
- Urgent driver license renewal notices
- Fake account alerts
- Package delivery scams
- Prize or lottery scams
- Fraudulent bank alerts

Reminder: The Department of Motor Vehicle does not send texts or emails about Express Toll bills or demand payment to protect a driver's license. The Department of Motor Vehicle will not request money transfers, cash withdrawals, or gift card purchases.

What to do if a suspicious message is received:

Do not click any links—these may install malware or steal personal information.

Do not reply—even texting "STOP" can confirm an active number to fraudsters.

Report the message to the Federal Trade Commission at reportfraud.ftc.gov.

The Election and Recording Department can be reached at 522-1544 for voter and election questions or recording information. The Motor Vehicle Department can be reached at 522-1158 for license plates/renewals or titling a vehicle. You can also reach our office by email at baconp@logancountyco.gov. **Like us on Facebook at Logan County Elections/MotorVehicle/Recording!**