Don’t be a money mule.

A money mule is someone who receives and moves money that originated with victims of fraud.

Here are a few things to keep in mind:

- Don’t agree to receive or send money or packages for people you don’t know or haven’t met in person.
- Don’t send money to an online love interest, even if they send you money first.
- Don’t pay to collect a prize or send someone money out of your “winnings.”

If you think you’ve been involved in a money mule scam, tell your financial institution, file a report with your local law enforcement office, and report the scam at reportfraud.ftc.gov.