



This message is sent on behalf of the Department of Public Safety.

Telephone Phishing/Scam, May 12, 2017

The University of Rhode Island Police Department has been made aware of at least one case of attempted fraud targeting a community member.

The Attempted Fraud

The community member received a phone call from a telephone number that happens to be the main number for the Rhode Island State Police. The caller claims to be a police officer, to have a warrant for the individual's arrest and then tries to get personal information. If the recipient hangs up the caller may call back several times. In some cases, parents of students have received calls from apparently the same person claiming to be her professor and asking for her personal phone number. **THIS IS A SCAM. If you or a family member receives such a call, do not give out any personal information. Members of the University community may call the University Police Department at [401-874-2121](tel:401-874-2121) to report any such calls. You may also report incidents to your local police or the State Police.**

Keep Secure

The University Police Department advises all students, faculty and staff to check their personal information settings on e-Campus.

- **Students:** The University's online public directory lists your name, phone, email and address. To change this, log onto the eCampus Self Service Center to remove any information you do not want included in the directory. You will find links to settings for personal information, privacy settings and the federal Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (known as FERPA) restrictions. These pages list all the items you can elect to allow or not allow the University of Rhode Island to release. If you have questions, please contact the Help Desk at helpdesk@uri.edu or [401-874-4357](tel:401-874-4357) (401-URI-HELP).
- **Faculty and Staff:** Your online directory listing may also be adjusted on eCampus. The "URI Directory Profile" is available from the Self Service menu link.

Thank you.