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*(**Craigslist Boston** is location of the latest scam)*

WARNING:

Assurity Life has learned that some U.S. residents have received UPS or FedEx packages containing checks that appear to be from Assurity Life. The checks are **not** authentic—**they are fraudulent**. The checks may be in the envelope with no cover letter or explanation, or there may be enclosed directions telling the recipients to send an e-mail for additional information. The reply e-mail instructs the recipient to deposit the check in their bank account, then wire a processing fee to another location.

Another scheme is to place an employment ad, such as on Craigslist, and ask you to be a “secret shopper.” Then they send you a check that looks authentic. Sooner or later you will be asked to pay something and you will lose your money.

In another type of scam, fake checks may be sent for more than the agreed price for items you advertise for sale on the Internet. The seller is asked to “refund” the amount of the overpayment.

Do not attempt to deposit these checks or wire any "fees." These are scams. The banks will not honor these checks. Even if the bank does cash the check, later when the check bounces, YOU will be held responsible by the bank. The people sending you these checks are trying to steal money from you!

If you receive a suspicious, **unexpected** delivery that contains a check appearing to be from Assurity Life, you should contact your state Attorney General's Consumer Fraud division or your local police department. You may also use the FTC online complaint form (<http://www.ftc.gov>) or the internet fraud complaint center (<http://www.ic3.gov>). If you have further questions, you may contact the Assurity Life law department at (800) 869-0355, Ext. 3730.