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## FBI Warns of Mystery QR Code Packages Delivered in US

### Description

The FBI has issued a warning as homes across the US receive unsolicited packages containing questionable QR codes. This situation raises concerns about potential scams that could lead to financial loss for victims.

The scam involves receiving unexpected parcels. If victims are not careful, they could face serious money problems. This scheme is a more dangerous version of a type of scam known as a "brushing scam." In a brushing scam, companies send products to random people and then write fake reviews to improve their online ratings.

In this new scam, the packages include a QR code, either on the box or inside it. These parcels do not have return addresses, leaving recipients confused about their origins. If someone scans the QR code, they are redirected to a fake website. There, they may be asked to enter sensitive information, such as credit card or bank details.

The FBI first warned about this scam last year and advised people to stay alert. Although the scam is still relatively rare, the FBI emphasised the importance of caution. They encourage anyone who has fallen victim to report the incident.

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) also provided guidance. They recommend changing passwords immediately if anyone has shared their details and suggest enabling two-factor authentication for better security.

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### Vocabulary List:

1. **unsolicited** /ˌʌn.səˈlɪs.ɪ.tɪd/ (adjective): Sent or given without being asked for or invited.
2. **QR code** /ˌkjuːˈɑːr kɒd/ (noun): A square machine-readable barcode that a smartphone camera can scan to open a website or display information.
3. **brushing scam** /ˈbrʌʃɪŋ skæm/ (noun phrase): A fraudulent scheme where sellers send unsolicited products to random people to create fake orders and post fake reviews to boost online ratings.
4. **parcels** /ˈpɑːr.səlz/ (noun (plural)): Packages or items sent by mail or courier.
5. **redirected** /ˌrɪː.dəˈrɛk.tɪd/ (verb (past/past participle)): Sent or taken to a different place or website than the one expected.
6. **authentication** /əˌθɛn.tɪˈkeɪ.ʃən/ (noun): The process of proving someone's identity; in security methods (like two-factor authentication) used to confirm a user is who they claim to be.

### Vocabulary quizzes

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**Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )**

1. What type of agreement is typically formed between two or more parties to work together?  
Option: Sole proprietorship  
Option: Partnership  
Option: Corporation  
Option: Contract
2. How much power does a gigawatt represent?  
Option: 1 million watts  
Option: 1 billion watts  
Option: 1 trillion watts  
Option: 100 megawatts
3. Which term refers to the fundamental facilities and systems serving a country or city?  
Option: Ecosystem  
Option: Infrastructure  
Option: Architecture  
Option: SCADA
4. What is the process of sending energy from one location to another called?  
Option: Transmission  
Option: Generation  
Option: Distribution  
Option: Conversion
5. What document is submitted formally to a governing body to request action?  
Option: Proposal  
Option: Petition  
Option: Brief  
Option: Mandate
6. What process involves enhancing the quality or value of something?  
Option: Diminution  
Option: Enrichment  
Option: Extraction  
Option: Reduction
7. What term describes a situation where there is a deficiency or lack of something needed?  
Option: Surplus  
Option: Shortfall  
Option: Excess



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Option: Balance

8. What do you call formal suggestions put forward for consideration or discussion?

- Option: Proposals
- Option: Contracts
- Option: Offers
- Option: Agreements

9. What action means to delay or defer an event to a later time?

- Option: Advance
- Option: Postpone
- Option: Proceed
- Option: Continue

10. What term refers to an estimate or forecast of future events or trends?

- Option: Reflected
- Option: Projected
- Option: Retrospective
- Option: Calculated

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. The increase in train ridership is attributed to better services and \_\_\_\_\_ .

12. There are multiple scenarios being considered for the upcoming project, including best-case and \_\_\_\_\_ .

13. The company received an unsolicited proposal that they were not expecting or \_\_\_\_\_ .

14. Customers can scan the QR code to access additional information and \_\_\_\_\_ .

15. The brushing scam involves sellers sending products to random addresses to create a false sense of \_\_\_\_\_ .

16. The courier service is responsible for the delivery of many parcels throughout the \_\_\_\_\_ .



17. The traffic was redirected to avoid the \_\_\_\_\_ caused by the construction.
18. The system requires two-factor authentication for enhanced \_\_\_\_\_.
19. Many companies prefer to automate repetitive tasks to save time and \_\_\_\_\_.
20. The city has implemented programs to reduce unemployment and assist job \_\_\_\_\_.

**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. The technology sector has seen significant growth in recent years.
22. Innovative technologies can disrupt traditional business models.
23. Theoretically, the project should yield significant benefits if executed correctly.
24. Entry-level positions are often the starting point for many careers.
25. The airport is currently conducting maintenance on its runways and terminals.
26. During peak travel seasons, flights tend to be more expensive.
27. The company's operations are designed to maximize efficiency and minimize waste.
28. Weather conditions are often the cause of delays in air travel.
29. The airline issued many cancellations due to unforeseen circumstances.
30. Passengers must check the gates for their boarding information before departure.

**Answer**

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Partnership 2. 1 billion watts 3. Infrastructure 4. Transmission 5. Petition 6. Enrichment 7. Shortfall 8. Proposals 9. Postpone 10. Projected

**Gap-Fill:** 11. infrastructure 12. worst-case 13. requesting 14. promotions 15. sales 16. week 17. delays 18. security 19. resources 20. seekers

**Matching sentence:** 1. sector 2. disrupt 3. theoretically 4. entry-level 5. airport 6. flights 7. operations 8. delays 9. cancellations 10. gates

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