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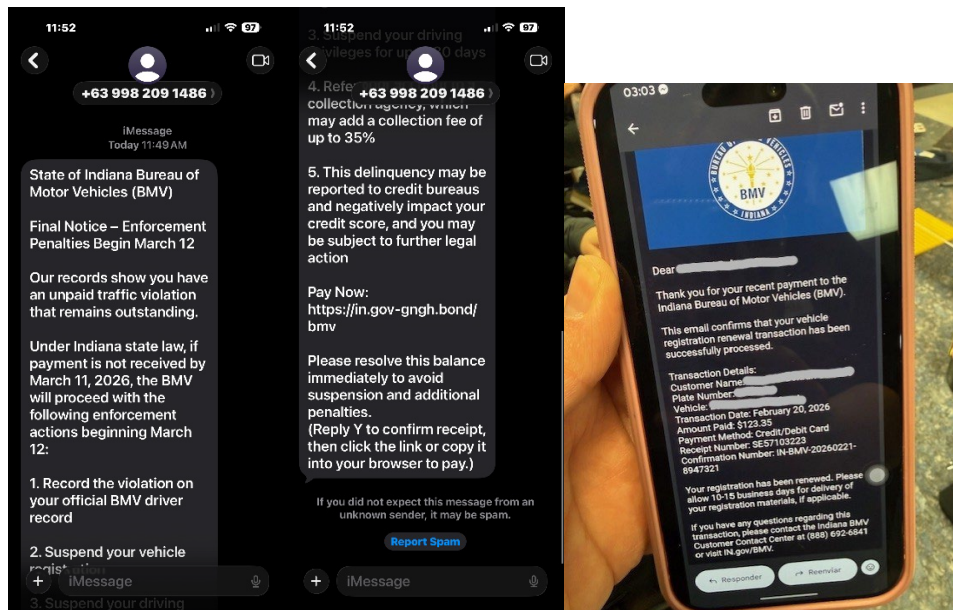
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Don't Fall for Fake BMV Websites: New Scam Text Alert

Indianapolis, Ind. - March 13, 2026 – The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) wants to warn its customers of a new type of text message scam impersonating the BMV.

The latest version of this text message scam uses links that closely mimic a State of Indiana web address and takes the user to a site that deceptively copies the BMV website. This site will even create fraudulent BMV receipts and confirmation numbers to fool customers.



Pictured: Screenshots from the fraudulent messages.

These messages should be considered fraudulent. We urge the public to:

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- Ignore these messages.
- Delete the message immediately.
- Do not click on any links.

Be advised the BMV will never ask you to pay any fees through a link sent via a text message. The BMV does not send SMS text messages about outstanding penalties.

Unfortunately, scam texts impersonating the BMV have become more frequent and have adapted to using the BMV's seal to falsely create legitimacy. Usually, the 'fees' mentioned in these scam texts are not ones the BMV collects.

For a list of known BMV related scams, please visit: [in.gov/bmv/resources/consumer-scam-alerts/](https://www.in.gov/bmv/resources/consumer-scam-alerts/).

About the Bureau of Motor Vehicles

The Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) serves all Hoosiers by providing best-in-class driver and vehicle services in a timely and accurate manner while ensuring security and transparency. We are committed to continuous improvement and excellence in all aspects of our operations. We strive to ensure that every driver is equipped with the resources and information they need to navigate the roads confidently and safely. The BMV wants to empower customers to interact with us when and how they choose, through streamlined services that maximize convenience and uphold our duty to use Hoosier taxpayer resources wisely.

For a complete list of branch locations and hours, to complete an online transaction, or to find a 24-hour BMV Connect kiosk near you, visit [IN.gov/BMV](https://www.in.gov/BMV).

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