



# NEW JERSEY DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS



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## **Scam Alert**

The Division of Consumer Affairs (“Division”) is issuing an immediate warning to all licensed professionals. A dangerous new scam is actively targeting licensees and applicants, attempting to trick individuals into downloading malicious software.

This scam falsely instructs email recipients to download a “new license software.” **Clicking on the link in the email and following the instructions may result in the automatic download of malicious software onto your device.** [Linked here](#) is a copy of the fraudulent email.

The Division **does not utilize or require any new software downloads for license renewal or application processes.** Furthermore, the Division will **NEVER** request that applicants or licensees download software onto their devices.

**Please never click on any suspicious links. Immediately report any email or text you receive containing this or a similar message.** We strongly encourage you to report the email to DCA at [askconsumeraffairs@dca.njoag.gov](mailto:askconsumeraffairs@dca.njoag.gov) or 973-504-6200. You may also report

the email to the Division of Criminal Justice at [dcjtipline@njdcj.org](mailto:dcjtipline@njdcj.org) or 800-277-2427, or to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](http://ReportFraud.ftc.gov).