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Transportation Cabinet Issues Text Message Scam Alert
Victims advised to follow Attorney General's identity theft guidance

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 24, 2025) – The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) is warning Kentuckians of fraudulent text messages impersonating tolling agencies, which feature a suspicious link similar to the KYTC licensing website address.

If you receive one of these texts, do not click the link. Even if the website or link looks like it belongs to KYTC, the text is a scam. KYTC will not send text messages to collect tolls, and we are taking appropriate steps to have the fraudulent websites taken down.

The scam messages warn customers of unpaid tolls, and indicate fees will be incurred if payment is not sent immediately.

If you have provided any personal information, contact your bank immediately. You can also report this to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) at www.ic3.gov, or to the Federal Trade Commission at www.reportfraud.ftc.gov, or visit the Kentucky Office of the Attorney General website, www.ag.ky.gov, to follow their guidance concerning potential identity theft. You can also forward the suspicious message to 7726 (SPAM) to alert your mobile provider as well.

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Eds: Screenshot of one of the fraudulent text messages:

Today 1:03 PM

Toll Violation Notice:

This is your final notice regarding the unpaid toll balance on your account. You must settle the balance within the next 12 hours to avoid severe penalties.

Unpaid Balance: \$6.99

Due Date: April 25, 2025

Failure to pay within this time frame will result in the following:

- 1.Immediate addition of late payment fees to your balance
 - 2.Suspension of your vehicle registration by the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV)
 - 3.Collection actions, including a negative report to your credit file
- Please make your payment promptly to avoid these severe consequences and protect your driving privileges.

Pay Now:

<https://driveky.gov-yyk.com/pay>



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