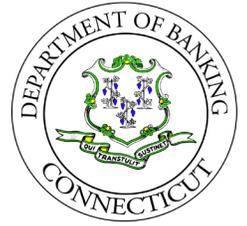


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## DEPARTMENT OF BANKING **ALERT:**

*Do not abbreviate the year 2020 on legal documents.*

HARTFORD – Thanks to a local police department in Maine, the Connecticut Department of Banking is issuing our first alert of the new year. The East Millinocket Police Department on Wednesday posted advice on its Facebook page that is worth sharing with Connecticut residents. The post reads as follows:

**“When signing and dating legal documents, do not use 20 as the year 2020.  
March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 being written as 3/3/20 could be modified to 3/3/2017 or 3/3/2018.  
Protect yourself.  
Do not abbreviate 2020.”**

We think this is a great tip to remind us how easily it can be for others to manipulate our documents. With a little diligence, we can help avoid fraud and protect ourselves.

For more information about banking frauds and scams, visit the Department of Banking website, at [ct.gov/dob](http://ct.gov/dob). If you are concerned that you may have been a victim of a fraudulent scheme, you may file an online complaint or speak to a member of our Consumer Affairs staff by calling 860-240-8170 or toll-free 1-800-831-7225.