



## Five ways to recognize a reputable, legitimate mystery shopping company:

1. A **legitimate** company shows their contact information on their website.
2. A **legitimate** company's emails have their actual web address after the "@" sign in their email address. If you aren't sure, take the words after the "@" sign and type it in your browser; that *should* open their website. Example: **suzie@yahoo.com**. **www.yahoo.com** is **not** a shopper company. **Info@shopperjobs.com**: **www.shopperjobs.com** is a legitimate company.
3. **Legitimate** companies pay YOU. They DO NOT ask you for a fee to sign up.
4. **Legitimate** companies **do not** send you a check, then ask you to cash it or deposit it in your bank account, and then ask you to send money back, via money wiring service. **THIS IS A SCAM!!**
5. **Legitimate** companies offer you shopping jobs, and *you* decide whether or not to accept them.

**If you ever question if a company is legitimate, or not,** you can contact the MSPA (Mystery Shopping Professionals Association). The MSPA certifies only reputable and ethical mystery shopping companies.

You can go to their website, [www.mysteryshop.org](http://www.mysteryshop.org), click on **MSPA AMERICAS** map. Click on **SERVICE PROVIDER SEARCH**. Click on "All Countries" and select "US" (the top pick). Click **SEARCH** and this displays companies that are reputable, ethical, and legitimate. Click this list first *before* you give any person information online or by phone to **ANY** mystery shopping company. You may also contact the MSPA by phone at **502-574-9033**.

Please take these guidelines to heart and you'll have fun earning that extra cash!