



## Scam Awareness Resources

Use these resources to learn best practices for avoiding scams, report potential fraud, and download consumer brochures

### Articles

Source	Article/Website Name
Consumer Action	<a href="#">When a Collector Calls</a>
Federal Trade Commission	<a href="#">Fake and Abusive Debt Collectors</a>
Federal Trade Commission	<a href="#">Consumer Advice Page</a>
Federal Trade Commission	<a href="#">How To Spot, Avoid, and Report Fake Check Scams</a>
Federal Trade Commission	<a href="#">What to Know About Advance-Fee Loans</a>
Federal Trade Commission	<a href="#">Fake Prize, Sweepstakes, and Lottery Scams</a>
Federal Trade Commission	<a href="#">Romance Scams</a>
Food and Drug Administration	<a href="#">Health Fraud Scams</a>
Housing and Urban Development	<a href="#">Home Equity Loan Scams</a>
Internal Revenue Service	<a href="#">IRS Tax Scam Awareness</a>

### Funeral and Burial Scams

Source	Article/Website Name
Consumer Action	<a href="#">Theft of a Deceased Person's Identity</a>
Federal Trade Commission	<a href="#">When a Collector Calls</a>
Federal Trade Commission	<a href="#">Funeral Rule</a>
Federal Trade Commission	<a href="#">Debts and Deceased Relatives</a>

### Charity Scams

Source	Article/Website Name
Better Business Bureau	<a href="#">Confirm A Charity's Identity</a>
Charity Navigator	<a href="#">Charity Navigator</a>
Federal Trade Commission	<a href="#">Before Giving to a Charity</a>

### Pyramid Schemes

Source	Article/Website Name
California Dept of Financial Protection	<a href="#">Resources and Complaints</a>
Financial Industry Regulatory Authority	<a href="#">Financial BrokerCheck</a>
Securities and Exchange Commission	<a href="#">Investment Adviser Public Disclosure Program</a>

## Online Security and Privacy

Source	Article/Website Name
California Dept of Financial Protection	<a href="#">Resources and Complaints</a>
Financial Industry Regulatory Authority	<a href="#">Financial BrokerCheck</a>
Securities and Exchange Commission	<a href="#">Investment Adviser Public Disclosure Program</a>
Who Is	<a href="#">Confirming Website Ownership</a>

## Veterans

Source	Article/Website Name
California Department of Veterans Affairs	<a href="#">California Veterans Affairs Office</a>
Veterans Administration	<a href="#">What to Know When Applying for Pension Benefits</a>
Veterans Administration	<a href="#">Veterans Pension and Disability Benefits</a>
Veterans Administration	<a href="#">Search for Accredited Attorneys, Claims Agents, or Veterans Service Organizations Representatives</a>

## Immigration Assistance Schemes

Source	Article/Website Name
Federal Trade Commission	<a href="#">Avoiding Immigration Scams and Get Real Help</a>
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services	<a href="#">Finding Legal Assistance</a>
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services	<a href="#">Finding a U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Field Office</a>
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services	<a href="#">U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Forms</a>

## Reporting Fraud

Source	Article/Website Name
CA Attorney General	<a href="#">Protecting Consumers</a>
CA Dept of Financial Protection & Innovation	<a href="#">Consumer Resources</a>
CA Dept of Health Care Services	<a href="#">Medi-Cal Fraud Reporting</a>
Consumer Financial Protection Bureau	<a href="#">Financial Product Complaint</a>
EConsumer.gov	<a href="#">Reporting International Scams</a>
Federal Bureau of Investigation	<a href="#">Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3)</a>
Internal Revenue Service	<a href="#">Phishing and Other Tax-Related Fraud</a>
Social Services Administration	<a href="#">Report Fraud</a>
Securities and Exchange Commission	<a href="#">Investment Fraud</a>
U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services	<a href="#">Medicare Fraud</a>
USA Gov.com	<a href="#">Scam Letter or Fake Check in the Mail</a>

USA Gov.com

[Bank, Credit, and Securities Complaints](#)**Recovering From Fraud**

Source	Article/Website Name
Financial Industry Regulatory Authority	<a href="#">Assisting Victims of Financial Fraud</a>
Financial Industry Regulatory Authority	<a href="#">Identity Theft Victim Recovery Checklist</a>
Financial Industry Regulatory Authority	<a href="#">Investment Fraud Victim Recovery Checklist</a>
Financial Industry Regulatory Authority	<a href="#">Mortgage and Lending Fraud Victim Recovery Checklist</a>
Legal Services Corporation	<a href="#">Financial and Legal Support</a>
National Association of Consumer Advocates	<a href="#">Consumer Rights</a>
State Bar of California	<a href="#">Finding Legal Assistance</a>

**Federal Trade Commission Consumer Brochures**

Name	Name
<a href="#">Avoid Immigration Scams and Get Real Help</a>	<a href="#">Identity Theft</a>
<a href="#">Buying a Used Car</a>	<a href="#">Identity Theft - Children</a>
<a href="#">Chatting with Kids About Being Online</a>	<a href="#">Identity Theft – Military Personnel and Families</a>
<a href="#">Credit Tools for Active Duty Military</a>	<a href="#">Investment Scams</a>
<a href="#">Data Breach Response Guide for Business</a>	<a href="#">Medical Identity Theft</a>
<a href="#">Debt Collection Rights</a>	<a href="#">Mortgage Shopping Worksheet</a>
<a href="#">Difference of a Fraud Alert and Credit Freeze</a>	<a href="#">Online Safety. Stop. Think. Connect</a>
<a href="#">Fraud Handbook for Recent Refugees and Immigrants</a>	<a href="#">Paying Final Respects: Your Rights When Buying Funeral Goods and Services</a>
<a href="#">Gift Card Scams</a>	<a href="#">Phone Scams</a>
<a href="#">Government Impersonator Scams</a>	<a href="#">Shopping for Funeral Services by Phone or Online</a>
<a href="#">How to Avoid a Scam</a>	
<a href="#">How to Stop Unwanted Calls</a>	