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Tips and Resources Links to Avoid Scams and Know Your Rights ftc.gov/ncpw

Looking to protect yourself from fraud, identity theft and scams? Wondering what the best methods are to improve your credit, secure a loan, or maximize your security online? Below you will find online resources to learn more about your consumer rights and to assist you in making well-informed decisions about your money. Navigating our increasingly digital and interconnected world requires us to be mindful of how we manage our finances online. In 2022, the Federal Trade Commission received nearly 5.2 million victim reports describing more than \$8.8 billion in fraud – a jump of over 30% in one year!

Resources: ftc.gov/tips-advice, ftccomplaintassistant.gov, onguardonline.gov



COMMON SCAMS

oag.ca.gov/consumers/common-scams

How to Avoid a Scam

consumer.ftc.gov/articles/how-avoid-scam

IRS Tax Scams/Consumer Alerts
irs.gov/newsroom/tax-scams-consumer-alerts

Employment Scams

irs.gov/identity-theft-fraud-scams/employment-related-identity-theft



PROTECTING AMERICA'S CONSUMERS

REPORTING AND RECOVERING FROM FRAUD

Report to Help Fight Fraud

reportfraud.ftc.gov/#/

What to do if You are Scammed

https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/what-do-if-you-were-scammed

Report Phishing and Online Scams irs.gov/privacy-disclosure/report-phishing





SMALL BUSINESS

Scams and Your Small Business

ftc.gov/business-guidance/resources/scams-your-small-business-guide-business

Data Breach Response: A Guide for Business

ftc.gov/data-breach-resources

Cybersecurity and Your Small Business

ftc.gov/tips-advice/business-center/small-businesses



Check your credit report at least annually, find out how to get your <u>free</u> annual credit report at: <u>consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0155-free-credit-reports</u> or call 1-877-322-8228

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