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National Consumer Protection Week - March 6-12, 2022

Tips and Resources Links to Avoid Scams and Know Your Rights

<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/national-consumer-protection-week>

Thank you for picking up this flyer to learn more about your consumer rights and to assist you in making well-informed decisions about your money. We live in an age of rapidly evolving technology. Many of us may conduct our personal and professional business on the internet and on other mobile platforms. While these provide conveniences to us, they create opportunities for scammers, hackers and identity thieves to commit cybercrime. In 2021, the Federal Trade Commission received more than 5.7 million victim reports describing more than \$5.8 billion in fraud – a 24% jump in losses in one year.

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



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IDENTITY THEFT

Prevention Resources and How to Report Identify Theft

identitytheft.gov and ftc.gov/idtheft

Taxpayers Guide to Identify Theft

irs.gov/newsroom/taxpayer-guide-to-identity-theft

Military Personnel & Families: What to Know, What to Do, Add Alerts

consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0273-active-duty-alerts

COMMON SCAMS

Phone Scams

consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0208-phone-scams

IRS Tax Scams/Consumer Alerts

irs.gov/newsroom/tax-scams-consumer-alerts

Charity/Crowdfunding/Free Trial Products Scams

oag.ca.gov/consumers/common-scams

Home Repair Scams

consumer.ftc.gov/features/pass-it-on/home-improvement-scams



SMALL 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

Common Scams That Target Your Small Business

ftc.gov/tips-advice/business-center/guidance/scams-your-small-business-guide-business#commonsams

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