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Incidents/Articles of Note:

Election-Related Text Scams Are Surging: Here's How To Spot Them

- 'Financially Assaulted:' Virginia Man Loses \$272K To Online Scammer (VA)
- BBB Of Central Virginia Warns Of 'Card Declined' Scam (VA)
- 'We've Got Screenshots:' Scam Surging In Fairfax Co. Threatens Release Of Online Activity (VA)
- Extortion Scams On The Rise In Southwest Virginia (VA)
- Virginia Man Sentenced To 5 Years For Role In \$15 Million Scam Targeting Homeowners (VA)
- Elder Scam Exposed: Heartless Fraudster Virginia Man Jailed For Deceitful Million-Dollar Scheme! (VA, PA)
- Scam Alert Regarding Foxfield Pages On Facebook (VA)
- Newport News Man Angered By Number Of Online Job Scams (VA)
- VBSO Consumer Protection Unit Works To Education Most Vulnerable Population (VA)
- 'Appointment Setter' Positions Are Latest Social Media Job Scam, BBB Says (IL)
- Shocking Fraud Uncovered: Attorney And Accomplice Convicted In Elaborate Scam To Steal Family's Home (PA)
- Berkeley County Sheriff's Office Is Warning Of Phony Letters Being Sent Via Mail Trying To Scam People Into Giving Nonexistent Bail Money (WV)
- Identify A Scam In Just 3 Words, Then Delete The Message
- Inmate Posed As VA Employee To Scam Ailing Vets Out Of Thousands
- Deepfake Romance Scam Raked In \$46 Million From Men Across Asia, Police Say

- FBI Warns Scammers Are Targeting Law Firms For Phony Debt Collections
- How To Avoid TSA PreCheck Scams

Learning Opportunities:

- Can You Recognize A Text Message Scam? - 10/29/2024
- CFPB - National Town Hall On Scams And Older Adults - 10/30/2024
- AARP Virtual Workshop - How To Detect A Scam - On Demand?

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The Most Common Types Of Consumer Fraud

Consumer fraud occurs when a person suffers from a financial or personal loss. Fraud can involve the use of deceptive, unfair, misleading, or false business practices. Fraudsters typically target the elderly and college students, but all consumers are at risk of fraud.

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) is a government agency that protects consumers from financial fraud and scams by making sure banks and financial companies treat consumers fairly. "Scammers are constantly finding new ways to steal your money. You can protect yourself by knowing what to look out for," according to the CFPB.

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Bureau Of Consumer Protection

The FTC's Bureau of Consumer Protection stops unfair, deceptive and fraudulent business practices by collecting reports from consumers and conducting investigations, suing companies and people that break the law, developing rules to maintain a fair marketplace, and educating consumers and businesses about their rights and responsibilities.

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