

SCAMS TARGET YOU PROTECT YOURSELF

Phone Scams

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) received more than 940,000 fraud complaints in 2018 in which 69 percent of the time a call was the swindler's way in. Every year, thousands of people lose money to telephone scams—from a few dollars to their life savings.

They Claim To Work For a Company you Trust

Scammers launch thousands of “phishing” attacks every day—and they are often successful. The Trust Fund Office will always communicate in writing and **never** reach out over the phone to request a payment of **any** form (this includes but not limited to gift cards, credit cards and cash). Nor would we instruct a company/persons to go to your home. This is a “phishing” tactic used by scammers in hopes that once you hear your Companies name you will provide the information they are requesting.

If you get a call from someone that is either trying to sell you something or ask for a payment, say “No thanks.” Moreover, if they pressure you about giving personal information—like your credit card or Social Security number—it's likely a scam. Hang up and report it to the Federal Trade Commission. Call 1 (877) FTC- HELP or visit [ftc.gov/complaint](https://www.ftc.gov/complaint).

Report Identity Theft

[IdentityTheft.gov](https://www.identitytheft.gov) is the federal government's one-stop resource for identity theft victims. The site provides streamlined checklists and sample letters to guide you through the recovery process. Visit [ftc.gov/idtheft](https://www.ftc.gov/idtheft) for prevention tips and free resources to share in your community.



Do Not Call Registry

The National Do Not Call Registry gives you a choice about whether to receive telemarketing calls at home. Most telemarketers should not call your number once it has been on the registry for 31 days. If they do, you can file a complaint at www.donotcall.gov.