

Reporting a Fraud or Scam

Why should you talk to someone and report a fraud or scam?

- A friend/family member may have experienced the same scam
- It could help your friend or family member avoid the scam
- The Federal Trade Commission works to shut down the scammers and file suit against them
- Information can help investigators build a case against the scammer.
- Your story makes a difference – all information helps the Federal Trade Commission and investigators know what scammers are doing.

You can report fraud to the Federal Trade Commission

Submit a complaint online <https://reportfraud.ftc.gov> or 1-877-382-4357

Information to Include:

- Names of the scammer and/or company
- Dates of contact
- Methods of communication
- Phone numbers, email addresses, mailing addresses, and websites used by the perpetrator.
- Methods of payment
- Where you sent funds, including wire transfers and prepaid cards (provide financial institution names, account names, and account numbers)
- Descriptions of your interactions with the scammer and the instructions you were given.
 - AARP – Fraud Watch Network is another great source of information.
- You can also report fraud to your local FBI or District Attorney's office.

Source: FTC Why Report Fraud?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MUA0wtZVX8E>