

SCAM INFORMATION AND PREVENTION RESOURCES

General Information about Scams

- [Scam Glossary](#) Key terms and general description of various types of scams- FTC (US GOV)
- [Glossary of Scam and Fraud Technology- AARP-](#) free on website
- [Avoiding and Reporting Scams-](#) Information on current scams- FTC (US GOV)
- [12 Tools in a Fraudster's Toolbox-](#) AARP- free on website
- [8 Red Flags to Help Identify Scams-](#) PUC South Dakota
- [BBB Tip: 10 steps to avoid scams-](#) Better Business Bureau
- [Avoiding Scams and Scammers](#) (FDIC) (US GOV)
- [What are some common types of scams? -](#) CFPB (US GOV)
- [Avoid Common Scams with AARP's Fraud Resource Center-](#) Subscription Required
- [AARP Scams and Frauds](#) -AARP- free on website

Credit Bureaus, Checking Your Credit Report, Suspected Identity Theft

- [List of Consumer Reporting Companies, and general information-](#) Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (US GOV)
 - [Equifax-](#) homepage
 - [Transunion-](#)homepage
 - [Experian-](#) homepage
- Free Annual Credit Report- [AnnualCreditReport.com](#)
 - Note: checking your report at this site will not impact your credit score.
- Credit Report Errors
 - [Disputing Errors on Your Credit Reports](#) FTC (US GOV)
- Identity Theft
 - [General Information and Resources-](#) FTC (US GOV)
 - [What do I do if I've been a victim of identity theft? CFPB](#) (US GOV)
- Credit Freeze
 - [How to Freeze Your Credit-](#)Federal Trade Commission- Credit Freezes
 - [Free Security Freeze-](#) NC Department of Justice

Passwords

- [Creating Strong Passwords and Other Ways to Protect Your Accounts-](#) FTC Consumer Advice (US GOV)
- [How to Clear Saved Passwords \(Remember Me\)-](#) Cedarville University

- [How to Remove a Saved Password from a Browser](#)- BU TechWeb

How to Detect Fakes

- Emails: [How can I tell if an email is phishing?](#) -UC Davis
- Emails: [How to Spot a Phishing Email: with Examples](#)- IT Governance-UK
- Checks: [How to Recognize and Avoid Fake Check Scams](#)- Heartland Bank
- Checks: [Fake Check Scams](#)- AARP- free on website
- Phone: [Phone Scams](#) - (FTC) (US GOV)
- Phone: [How to Identify a scammer on the phone \(with examples \)](#)- Aura
- Text Messages: [BBB Tip: Spot the red flags of fake text messages](#)- Better of Business Bureau
- Websites: [How to check if a website is legit](#) (Chase Bank)
- Websites: [How to Identify and Protect Yourself from an Unsafe Website](#) (BU Tech)

Sign Up for Scam Alerts

- [Chatham Sheriff's Office](#) Mobile App for Real Time and other Alerts
 - App available for Android or Apple Products)

Note: You may also go directly to the Apple Store or Google Play for Android-search for "Chatham County Sheriff NC)
- [Newsletter and Alerts Subscription Form](#)- NC Dept of Justice-free
- [AARP Fraud Watch](#) - Subscription Required