



Fraud Watch Network

Who to Contact

There are a number of places you can turn to if you or someone you love has been a victim of fraud or identity theft or if you are just looking to learn more about how to safeguard against them:

AARP Fraud Watch Network

The AARP Fraud Watch Network provides you with access to information about identity theft, investment fraud and the latest scams. Access online at: aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork

AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline

Highly trained AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline volunteers are standing by to offer peer counseling, support and referral services to fraud victims and their family members. Call toll-free: **877-908-3360**

The National Association of Attorneys General (NAAG)

The NAAG site provides contact information for all state attorneys general. Most state attorneys general welcome consumer inquiries and complaints about frauds occurring in the marketplace and many offer complaint mediation services as well. Access online at: naag.org

FINRA Investor Education Foundation

The FINRA Investor Education Foundation provides critical information about how to avoid investment fraud, including allowing you to check to see if a broker or a particular investment advisor is registered. It is particularly helpful in addressing a variety of investment frauds such as gold coins and oil and gas scams. Access online at: saveandinvest.org

The North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA)

This website is where you can find your local state securities regulator, who takes complaints against brokers and dealers that may have engaged in investment fraud. Find your regulator online at: nasaa.org

U.S. Postal Inspection Service (USPIS)

This site, sponsored by the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, has information about how to protect yourself from mail fraud and how to identify when you've been targeted. Access online at: deliveringtrust.com

Federal Trade Commission (FTC) Consumer Help

Call the Federal Trade Commission to file a complaint against a company if you feel you have been defrauded. Call toll-free [877-701-9595](tel:877-701-9595) or visit ftccomplaintassistant.gov

Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC)

The SEC is a good resource for checking up on an investment adviser and investment products. Call toll-free [800-SEC-0330](tel:800-SEC-0330) or visit sec.gov/investor or investor.gov

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB)

If you have a complaint about fraudulent activity involving a bank account or service, credit reporting, debt collection, among other areas, contact the CFPB to file a complaint. File online at: consumerfinance.gov/complaint

National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC)

Visit the NAIC website if you want to reach a state insurance agency about an insurance product or salesperson. Find your state at: naic.org/state_web_map

Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC)

The CFTC can assist with problems in commodity futures, precious metals, and foreign currency trading. Call [866-366-2382](tel:866-366-2382) or visit cftc.gov/consumerprotection

