

Important Phone Numbers (and online contacts) To Remember

If you think you've been cheated or scammed:

File a Complaint with the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs by phone at **800-242-5846** or **973-504-6200**. You can also file a complaint online at: **NJConsumerAffairs.gov/Pages/File-a-Complaint.aspx**.

If you're getting unwanted sales calls:

Sign up for the Federal Trade Commission's National "Do Not Call" Registry. It's free. Call **888-382-1222** from the phone number you wish to register. You can also register online at **Donotcall.gov**. The "Do Not Call" Registry only applies to legitimate businesses, unfortunately, so scam and fraud calls will not be affected.

If you've signed up for the "Do Not Call" Registry, and you're still getting calls:

To report a "Do Not Call" Registry Violation, call **888-225-5322** or file a complaint online at **Donotcall.gov**. Try to provide as much information as possible, including the name of the business, the phone number, and the name of the individual with whom you spoke.

If you want to donate to a charity:

Find out if the charity is legitimate by calling the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs Charities' Hotline at **973-504-6215**. All charities that raise more than \$10,000 in New Jersey (except churches and other houses of worship) must, by law, be registered with the Division. You can also search online at **state.nj.us/lps/ca2/charities/**.

If you're about to make an investment:

Make sure that the person offering the investment opportunity is properly registered by contacting the New Jersey Bureau of Securities at **866-446-8378**.

If you're about to have improvements made on your home by a contractor:

Make sure that the contractor you hire is properly registered to do business in New Jersey, and has no history of consumer complaints, by calling **973-504-6370**.

If you want to check if you've been the victim of identity theft, check your credit reports regularly.

Anyone can obtain a free annual credit report from each of the three nationwide consumer credit reporting companies - Equifax, Experian and TransUnion - by calling **877-322-8228**. You can also sign up online by visiting **Annualcreditreport.com**.

Use these contacts if you suspect **FRAUD**



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