

# 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](http://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](http://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](http://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/](http://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](http://Annualcreditreport.com)**.

## Use these contacts if you suspect **FRAUD**



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**800-242-5846**  
**FightingFraud.NJ.gov**