

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: www.NJConsumerAffairs.gov/Pages/Consumer-Complaints.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 877-382-4357 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 NJConsumerAffairs.state.nj.us/public-charity-search-results/.

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 973-504-3600 or by searching online at www.NJConsumerAffairs.gov/bos/Pages/cbyinvest.aspx.

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 973-424-8150 or searching online at <https://newjersey.mylicense.com/verification/>.

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 four nationwide consumer credit reporting companies - Equifax, Experian, Trans Union and Innovis - by calling 877-322-8228. You can also sign up online by visiting Annualcreditreport.com

Use these contacts if you suspect FRAUD



N.J. Division of Consumer Affairs
800-242-5846

www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/anti-fraud-toolkit