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includes information to help you recognize scams and tips on what to do if you or someone you know is a target of fraud.

If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

When you suspect a scam...

- Hang up the phone.
- Shred that mail solicitation.
- Don't open your front door if you don't know who it is.
- Delete that e-mail.
- Terminate your visit to that website.



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- Never wire money to someone you don't know.
- Get everything in writing.
- Do not sign a contract without reading it first.
- Check to see if the company is licensed with the appropriate local or state agency.
- Check the company out with the Better Business Bureau.
- Google the company's name for complaints.
- Do not respond to any prize or gift that requires you to pay even a small amount for your winnings.



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Fraud hurts all Nevadans.

Whether you are the victim of a crime, looking out for those you love or seeking to be an informed consumer, **FightFraud.nv.gov** offers valuable information to fight scams and fraud.

AVOIDING IDENTITY THEFT

Know what's in your wallet. Avoid carrying your Social Security number in your wallet or purse. It's also a good idea to periodically photocopy your cards and keep a record of the customer service phone numbers associated with your financial accounts to speed up the process of cancelling credit cards, if needed.

Shred, Shred, Shred. Open all mail and read it carefully. Any items with personal information, such as pre-approved credit offers, bank statements or utility bills should be shredded before being discarded.

Monitor your revolving accounts and credit score. Check your bank, credit card and other financial account information along with your credit score once a year to reduce the risk of unauthorized charges or credit applications.



If you see a suspicious charge, immediately contact your financial institution.

Be suspicious of solicitors. You should never give personal information or your Social Security number to people unless you have verified that they are trustworthy.

Surf the Internet safely. Be sure to always use a secured network, and frequently update firewall protections on your computer. Also limit the amount of personal information you post on networking Web sites.

MORTGAGE SCAMS

Are you the victim of a mortgage scam? **Contact the Southern Nevada Mortgage Fraud Hotline at (702) 584-5555 or dial Nevada 2-1-1!**

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includes repair shops, auto warranties & more
- **FINANCIAL**
includes e-mail scams, banking scams & more
- **HOUSEHOLD**
includes moving companies, home repair & home warranties
- **INTERNET**
protect yourself from ID theft & more
- **REAL ESTATE**
includes 8 tips to avoid real estate fraud & the latest foreclosure scams
- **MISCELLANEOUS**
includes work-at-home schemes & more

REMEMBER THE FIVE S's!

- 1 **S**ecure personal info.
- 2 Surf the web **S**afely.
- 3 Be **S**uspicious of solicitors.
- 4 **S**ign contracts only when you know for sure what you're signing.
- 5 **S**hred! Shred! Shred!