

Stop the Scam Campaign

Where to Report Fraud, Scams & Suspicious Activity: If you believe you've been targeted by a scam or want to report suspicious activity, you are not alone. Reporting helps protect others, even if you did not lose money.

National Reporting

- **Federal Trade Commission (FTC)**
- Best for: Most scams, including social media, online ads, impersonation, phishing, romance scams, and AI-generated content
 - Report at: [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.reportfraud.ftc.gov)
 - Why report: The FTC tracks scam trends and shares data with law enforcement nationwide.

- **Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3)**
- Best for: Online scams, hacking, identity theft, cryptocurrency fraud, AI-enabled scams, and impersonation using email, text, or social media
 - Report at: [ic3.gov](https://www.ic3.gov)
 - Why report: Managed by the FBI. Especially important if money was lost or accounts were compromised.

Medicare & Health-Related Scams Reporting

- **Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP)**
- Best for: Medicare fraud, fake health plans, medical identity theft, scam calls or messages about Medicare
 - Call: 1-877-808-2468
 - Find local help: [smpresource.org](https://www.smpresource.org)
 - Why report: SMP offers free, confidential support and counseling.

Financial & Identity Theft Reporting

- **Identity Theft (FTC)**
- Best for: Tracking national scam trends, driving enforcement and policy change, educating the public
 - Report at: [IdentityTheft.gov](https://www.identitytheft.gov)
 - Why visit: Create a recovery plan if personal information was stolen.

- **Your Bank or Credit Card Company**
- Why report: Contact immediately if you shared financial information or see suspicious charges.

Social Media & Tech Platform Reporting

- If a scam appeared on social media, report it directly on the platform as well as to the FTC or IC3.

- Common platforms:
 - Facebook
 - Instagram
 - YouTube
 - TikTok
 - X (Twitter)
 - WhatsApp
 - Email providers (Gmail, Yahoo, Outlook)
 - Venmo
 - Paypal

Why report: Reporting helps platforms remove fraudulent accounts and ads.

Local Law Enforcement

- Best for: Ongoing threats, large financial losses, impersonation of local officials or family members, immediate safety concerns
- Use non-emergency lines unless there is immediate danger

Important Reminders

- Report scams even if no money was lost
- Save messages, screenshots, phone numbers, and links
- Reporting helps protect others and strengthen enforcement
- You will never get in trouble for reporting a scam