

Protecting Yourself From



Report Frauds and Scams

There are many different types of fraud and each may be reported differently. First, report the fraud to your local police department or the sheriff's office if you live outside a city served by a police department. You may also contact your [Oregon State regulators](#) (for example, consumer protection office) to report fraud. Violations of federal laws should be reported to the federal agency responsible for enforcement. While federal agencies are rarely able to act on behalf of individuals, they use complaints to record patterns of abuse which allow an agency to take action against a company or industry. If you suspect fraud, take these steps:

Oregon State Regulators Handling Fraud cases:

- [Oregon Department of Justice Consumer Protection](#)
- [Oregon Division of Financial Regulation](#)
- [Insurance or other financial complaints in Oregon](#) .
- [Utility Consumer Complaints](#)

□ Federal Regulators:□

- Contact the [Federal Trade Commission \(FTC\)](#) or use the [Online Complaint Assistant](#) to report most types frauds.
- Report fraud that used the U.S. Mail to the [U.S. Postal Inspection Service](#) .
- File complaints about Internet-based frauds to the [Internet Crime Complaint Center](#) .
- Contact the [Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services](#) to report instances of Medicare fraud.
- Report Medicaid fraud to [your state's Medicaid program office](#) . Use the [Fraud and Abuse Reporting Directory](#) (PDF, [Download Adobe Reader](#)) to find the contact information for your office.
- File a complaint about e-commerce (business or trade that takes place on the Internet) across international borders to [econsumer.gov](#) . Report other fraudulent business practices to the Department of Commerce's [International Trade Administration](#)

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- Report immigration fraud, the illegal use of documents or illegal actions to get around U.S. immigration laws, to the [U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement](#) .
- Report suspected census related frauds, where scammers act like they are collecting your personal information for the government, to the [Census Bureau](#) .
- If you are the victim of moving fraud, you have two options. If you are moving within the same state, file a complaint with your [state utility commission](#) . If your move is interstate, you can file your complaint with the [Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration](#)
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- Report investing frauds to the [Securities and Exchange Commission](#) or your [state's securities regulator](#)
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- Contact the [Consumer Financial Protection Bureau](#) about credit and loan related frauds. The agency can also help you with frauds related to money transfers, credit reports, and other financial services.
- File a complaint with the [Federal Communications Commission](#) for [telephone related frauds](#) , such as mysterious charges on your bill (cramming), an illegal switch of your service (slamming), or telemarketing.
- Visit [Stopfraud.gov](#) for information on which agencies you should report banking, credit card, housing, and other financial frauds to.
- Report Social Security related frauds with the Social Security Administration's Inspector General or using their [online fraud reporting form](#) .
- Report misuse of federal funds to Government Accountability Office through the [FraudNet](#) form.