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Can Telemarketing Fraud Happen To You?

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Summary:

Too many consumers are losing money to fraudulent telemarketers.

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Article Body:

Telemarketing fraud victims are of many different ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds and ra

Common Telephone Scams

Prize offers: "You are eligible to win the grand prize!" "You have won the lottery!"

There is no prize, or the prize is worthless or overpriced. You are usually told that you have

It is against the law for a telemarketer to require you to pay ANY money or buy anything to en

Charities: "You have given money to XYZ Law Enforcers Federation in the past, and we are asking

Con artists often label phony charities with names that sound like better-known, reputable org

Credit repair/loans: "We can repair your credit and get you a loan!"

Many companies promise, for an up-front fee, to repair credit or lend money, and then fail to

Recovery rooms: "We know you got taken by a telemarketer and for a fee, we can help you recover

You may be scammed a second time. It is against the law to ask for an advance payment to recov

Tips to protect you from telemarketing fraud

Tell the caller that you do not wish to be called again, and hang up the phone. It is illegal

Never buy at the time of the sales pitch. Always take your time making a decision.

Legitimate companies won't pressure you to make a fast decision. Never respond to an offer you

Don't do business by phone with unfamiliar companies. Legitimate businesses understand when yo

Check with the Better Business Bureau and the State of Hawaii Office of Consumer

Protection to determine whether other consumers have filed complaints against the telemarketing

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