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Here Are Some Tips to Avoid Telephone Fraud

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Summary:

There are always people trying to con you out of your money. Many do it over the telephone.

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Article Body:

Fraudulent schemes range from peddling water purifiers, vitamins, and make-up kits to stock in

If a sales pitch sounds too good to be true, just hang up. If you don't, you may become the ne

Top Phone Scams

While some of the following products and services can be and are legitimately sold by reputabl

Free Prize Offers: If you receive a phone call that you have won a free prize, be cautious! US
Ask the telephone solicitor what the prize is worth. It may be of little value, and it may not

Charitable Solicitations: Telephone solicitation is one method used by charitable organization

When you make a donation, it is a good idea to pay by check and make the check out to the orga

Travel Offers: It can be quite tempting to purchase a bargain-priced travel package over the t
Investment Fraud: Many unsound investment opportunities are peddled over the telephone. Fraudu

"900" Numbers: When you call a "900" number, you are charged either a fee for the number of mi

Some services will keep you on the line for an extended length of time before you get all of t

Recently, unscrupulous telemarketers began transferring calls made to toll-free "800" numbers

Advance-Fee Loan Scams: These scams often target people who are out of work or have poor credi

Credit Repair Schemes: If you are having a problem getting credit, you may be tempted to liste

First Line of Defense

Your best defense is yourself. Follow some basic rules, and arm yourself with the tools to saf

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