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Create a budget 101 for military spouses

BY MILSPOUSE MONEY MISSION

Why Create a Budget?

Budgeting Helps You:

- Prioritize how money is spent.
- Discover areas of waste.
- Prepare for unexpected expenses.
- Save for your family's future.
- Reduce money-related stress.

Creating and following a budget is essential to financial security.

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Veterans and families: Burial benefits and funeral planning

BY FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

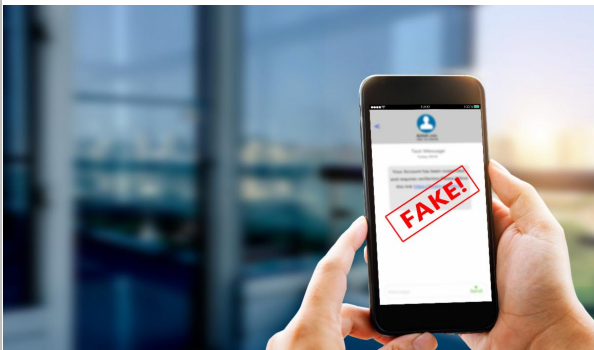
Know your rights when shopping for funeral services.

If you're a veteran's surviving family or caregiver, you may be eligible for expanded burial benefits that help cover certain funeral expenses. But scammers may contact you, saying that for a fee they can do the paperwork and guarantee what benefits you'll get. Other scammers pretend to be from the VA. But the VA will never call, text, or email out of the blue and ask for your credit card or bank account information.

Making funeral arrangements is never easy. What can you do to avoid possible pitfalls?

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BBB tax tips and resources

BY BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

Taxes can be challenging to navigate alone. BBB is here to educate and inform our community members and local businesses on tax scams, tax filing tips, identity theft, hiring tax help, tax resources, and so much more! See our resources regarding tax season for consumers and businesses below.

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BBB Scam Alert: Looking for love? Don't fall for a fake dating website

BY BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

You've probably heard about romance scams where con artists trick unsuspecting victims into falling in love – and parting with their money. Lately, **BBB Scam Tracker** has been getting reports of a different type of romance scam. In this con, the entire dating website is a sham.

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Opportunity Knocks: How to spot and avoid employment scams

*Hear first-hand from a scam survivor
as well as our subject matter experts*



Free webinar

Opportunity knocks: How to spot and avoid employment scams

BY BBB INSTITUTE FOR MARKETPLACE TRUST

Anyone can be defrauded by an employment scam. In this informative video, data shared from the *2022 BBB Scam Tracker Risk Report* sheds light on how these scams are perpetrated, who is being targeted, and the behaviors and other factors that may influence a person's susceptibility.

A first-hand account of an employment scam is told to demonstrate tactics used by the perpetrators. Valuable guidance is shared by Amazon, a highly-impersonated employer, as well as FlexJobs, a leading employment platform.

We close by providing resources you can use, including the BBB Scam Tracker prevention and reporting tool. The information covered in this webinar illuminates a crime the Federal Trade Commission estimates to have resulted in losses of **\$367M in 2022**.

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Solving problems with a business: Returns, refunds, and other resolutions

BY FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Disappointed by a product or service? These strategies and this [sample complaint letter](#) can help you get your money back or reach another resolution.

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BBB Scam Tracker voted #1 scam fighting tool in 2023!

We are incredibly proud of BBB Scam Tracker and grateful for this recognition from the [Global Anti-Scam Alliance \(GASA\)](#) and [ScamAdviser.com](#). Thanks to everyone who has reported a scam, and

the dedicated, collaborative work of [Better Business Bureau](#) professionals who review and publish scam reports. This allows people to search previous reports to determine if they're being targeted. As a result, we estimate that our scam-fighting tool helped people avoid losing \$24.3 million in 2023.

Thank you, GASA and the esteemed panel of judges, for honoring BBB Scam Tracker with this award, and thank you to our partners, [Amazon](#) and [Capital One](#), whose support enabled us to rebuild the platform in 2022.



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