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Veterans: Need help with mortgage debt? Know your rights

BY FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Scammers call or email, pretending to be from the VA or your home loan servicer. They claim if you pay them an upfront fee, they can get you a loan modification or refinancing to avoid foreclosure, so you can keep your home. But that's illegal. Do you know your rights when it comes to getting relief for your mortgage debt?

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BBB Institute releases the 2023 BBB Scam TrackerSM Risk Report: Cryptocurrency/investment scams rise to #1

BY BBB INSTITUTE FOR MARKETPLACE TRUST

Investment scams, including those involving cryptocurrency, are now the riskiest scam type, according to the latest BBB Scam Tracker Risk Report. More than 80 percent of people who were targeted by this scam type reported losing money to [BBB Scam Tracker](#). It also had the second highest median dollar loss at \$3,800.

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BBB tip: Which financial wellness expert do you need?

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Buying a home can be one of the most important financial investments you will ever make, and maintaining that home after you buy is of top importance. But how do you know if the house is everything it appears to be?

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Let's face it: when it comes to finances, the terminology and acronyms alone can be confusing. Which professional can do your taxes? Who do you see if you need to draw up a will or a power of attorney? What's a fiduciary? Let BBB help you navigate the waters and lead you to the professional who will help you achieve financial wellness.

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Veterans: Guard against identity theft

BY FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Identity theft can happen in a lot of ways: a stolen wallet, a missing phone, or a hacked online account. Then there are impersonators — scammers who pretend to be almost anyone. They'll tell you almost any story to get you to trust them, so they can steal your money or information. If you're a veteran, there's another risk: sharing information with someone who claims they'll help with paperwork and filing benefits claims.

What are some ways to protect yourself from identity theft targeting veterans?

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4 ways service members can jumpstart their emergency fund

BY MILITARY SAVES

Being prepared for the unexpected is vital for military individuals and their families. By having an emergency savings fund, you create a financial safety net that brings peace of mind.

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