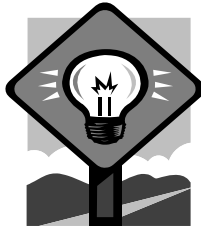


# Did You Know?



## Ways to Reduce Sales Solicitation

### ◆ The National Do Not Call Registry

[www.DoNotCall.gov](http://www.DoNotCall.gov) (1-888-382-1222)

This registry is free to consumers and is regulated by the Federal Trade Commission. Once on this list, telemarketers must refrain from calling you or face a fine up to \$11,000 per illegal call.

### ◆ Consumer Credit Reporting Agency's "Opt Out" Department

1-888-5 OPT OUT (1-888-567-8688)

Call this toll free number to opt out of receiving pre-screened credit offers.

### ◆ Mail Preference Service

P.O. Box 643

Carmel, NY 10512

Mail a letter with your name, address, phone number and your request to be removed from the list. This will erase your name from junk mail lists.

### ◆ Florida Do Not Call Registry 800-HELP-FLA (800-435-7352)

For a charge of \$10 for the first year and \$5 every following year, you can register with the State of Florida's Do Not Call registry.

## Ways to Protect from Scams

### ◆ Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board

727-536-4720

[www.pcclb.com](http://www.pcclb.com)

You can contact PCCLB to check on contractor's licenses, complaint history or file a complaint.

### ◆ Medicare/Medicaid fraud hotline

1-866-357-6677

Contact this office to report or inquire about Medicare/Medicaid fraud.

### ◆ Florida Attorney General

1-866-966-7226

You can report scams to the Attorney General using this toll free number.

[www.AgingCareFL.org](http://www.AgingCareFL.org)



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◆ **Mail Fraud Complaint Center**

**1-800-372-8347**

You can report scams from mailbox bandits by calling the number above or contacting your local postmaster.

◆ **County Department of Justice and Consumer Services**

727-464-6200 Pinellas 727-847-8110 Pasco

By calling this number, you can file complaints or check a company's history of complaints before doing business with them.

◆ **State of Florida Dept. of Financial Services Consumer Hotline**

**800-342-2762**

**Ways to Protect from Identity Theft**

◆ **Free Annual Credit Report**

[www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com)

**877-322-8228**

◆ **Equifax**

**800-685-1111**

**Experian**

**888-397-3742**

**TransUnion**

**800-888-4213**

You can also write: Annual Credit Report Request Service at P.O.Box 105281, Atlanta, Ga. 30348-5281

[www.equifax.com](http://www.equifax.com) [www.experian.com](http://www.experian.com) [www.transunion.com](http://www.transunion.com)

You can request a free copy of your credit report to monitor for fraud.

◆ **Federal Trade Commission Identity Theft Hotline**

**877-IDTHEFT**

**(877-438-4338)**

File a complaint with the FTC if you have been a victim of identity theft.

◆ **Social Security Administration Fraud Hotline**

**800-269-0271**

Report theft of your Social Security number by calling this toll free number.

**Support for Victims of Crime/Abuse**

◆ **Elder Victim Advocate Program**

Pinellas: 727-570-9696 ext 279 Pasco: 727-861-5233

◆ **Senior Helpline 800-96-ELDER (800-963-5337)**

◆ **1-800-96-ABUSE (800-962-2873)**

Call this toll free number to report abuse, neglect or exploitation.

◆ **Statewide Senior Legal Helpline**

**888-895-7873**

◆ **National Center for Victims of Crime**

**1-800-FYI-CALL (800-394-2255)**

◆ **Federal Reporting of Consumer Scam**

**1-877-FTC-HELP (877-372-4357)**

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