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[Amazon Refunds , Federal Trade Commission](#)

The FTC is not contacting people about refunds in the Amazon matter. If you get a call from someone who claims to be from the FTC, it's a scam. Report it at ReportFraud.ftc.gov. The FTC

[How to Report Fraud at ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://ReportFraud.ftc.gov)

This video shows you how to report scams, fraud, and bad business practices to the Federal Trade Commission at <https://ReportFraud.ftc.gov> and why it's important to do it.



[Consumer Solar Awareness , U.S. Department of the](#)

Some people have complained that they were deceived about costs and savings, misled about loans and tax credits, and pressured by aggressive sales and

False alarm, real scam: how scammers are stealing older adults' life

Reports to the FTC show a growing wave of scams aimed squarely at retirees' life savings. These scammers pretend to be from known and trusted government agencies and businesses.





[New FTC Data Show Top Text Message Scams of 2024; Overall](#)

New data from the Federal Trade Commission show that in 2024, consumers reported losing \$470 million to scams that started with text messages.

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The U.S. government does not provide free solar panels. The Energy Department and the Solar Energy Technologies Office have warned consumers about this type of online scam involving solar



[FTC Data Show a More Than Four-Fold Increase in Reports of](#)

New analysis from the Federal Trade Commission shows a more than four-fold increase since 2020 in reports from older adults who say they lost \$10,000 or more-sometimes their entire

[Solar energy is rising in popularity. So are the scams](#)

It's likely a scam. While there are some government-funded solar programs for households that qualify, "going solar" isn't free. Honest businesses



[BBB Scam Alert: "Free solar panels" can cost you big](#)

Con artists use misleading sales tactics and lies to trick homeowners out of money and personal information. If you've received an offer

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[Why Report Fraud? , Federal Trade Commission](#)

Then tell the Federal Trade Commission. The FTC sues scammers and works to shut them down. When you report a scam to the FTC, investigators use your information to build cases against scammers.

Phishing Scams

Phishing Scams and How to Spot Them Phishing is a type of online scam that targets consumers by sending them an e-mail that appears to be from a well-known source - an internet



[Federal Trade Commission , Protecting America's Consumers](#)

The official website of the Federal Trade Commission, protecting America's consumers for over 100 years.

[Impersonation scams: not what they used to be](#)

While these types of scams aren't new, reports tell us scammers have switched things up. Comparing 2020 to 2023, for example, reports of scams starting with a phone call have plummeted,



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