

Be an informed consumer:

Scams Against Veterans

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Scammers tend to target Veterans with the following schemes:



Identity Theft

- Identity thieves tend to target veterans in order to steal the many benefits afforded to them by the government. Every year more than 10 million people have personal information (name, SSN, bank accounts, etc.) stolen. Identity theft can harm finances and credit history and may also prevent you from getting a job.
- If you have been a victim of identity theft please contact the FTC at:
- <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/pdf-0094-identity-theft-affidavit.pdf>



Predatory Lending

- Many times you may find underhanded lenders around military institutions waving patriotic and pro-military signs. Many of these lenders target veterans by promoting payday loans with high interest rates, exorbitant fees, and APRS in the triple digits.
- If you have a payday loan complaint please file a complaint with the CFPB:
- <http://www.consumerfinance.gov/>



Pension Poachers

- Dishonest financial planners and advisers may encourage veterans to restructure or transfer their assets to receive Aid and Attendance (A&A) benefits without warning veterans that they **may lose other benefits** as a result.
- If you are a victim of a pension poacher please call the PA Attorney General at 717-783-1944 or go to www.attorneygeneral.gov



Illegitimate Charities

- Illegitimate charities tend to solicit veterans, in particular, for donations to fund their operations. Please make sure any charities you donate to are registered with the PA Department of State at 1-800-732-0999 or at www.dos.state.pa.us under "charities."

Contact the Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General for more information:

Strawberry Square, Harrisburg, PA 17120 | (717)787-3391 | www.attorneygeneral.gov

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