



## Reporting a Fraud or Scam

Why should you talk to someone and report a fraud or scam?

- A friend/family member may have experienced the same scam
- It could help your friend or family member avoid the scam
- The Federal Trade Commission works to shut down the scammers and file suit against them
- Information can help investigators build a case against the scammer
- Your story makes a difference – all information helps the Federal Trade Commission and investigators know what scammers are doing

You can report fraud to the Federal Trade Commission

Submit a complaint online <https://www.ic3.gov/>

Information to Include:

- Names of the scammer and/or company
  - Dates of contact
  - Methods of communication
  - Phone numbers, email addresses, mailing addresses, and websites used by the perpetrator
  - Methods of payment
  - Where you sent funds, including wire transfers and prepaid cards (provide financial institution names, account names, and account numbers)
  - Descriptions of your interactions with the scammer and the instructions you were given
- You can also report fraud to your local FBI or District Attorney's office.

AARP – Fraud Watch Network is another great source of information.

Source: FTC Why Report Fraud?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MUA0wtZVX8E>

