



## 2022 BBB Scam Tracker<sup>sm</sup> Risk Report released; online purchase scams remain riskiest for military consumers

BY BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

The 2022 Scam Tracker Risk report analyzes the data that individuals and businesses submit to BBB Scam Tracker as a way to shed light on how scams are perpetrated, who is being targeted, which scams have the greatest impact, and behaviors and factors that may impact a person's susceptibility.

Click the link below to read the report and access free downloadable sheets that highlight statistics about scams impacting the military community and their families, older adults, and young adults.

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BY MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Just because you're transitioning out of uniform doesn't mean you can't apply lessons from the new Defense Department social media policy to your civilian career.

The public affairs policy, issued late last summer, marked the first department-wide effort toward social media guidance. Launched to rein in the mismanagement of the services' official social media accounts, it provides some good advice that can be used for your personal accounts, too.

Here are a few ways you can responsibly maintain your digital presence:

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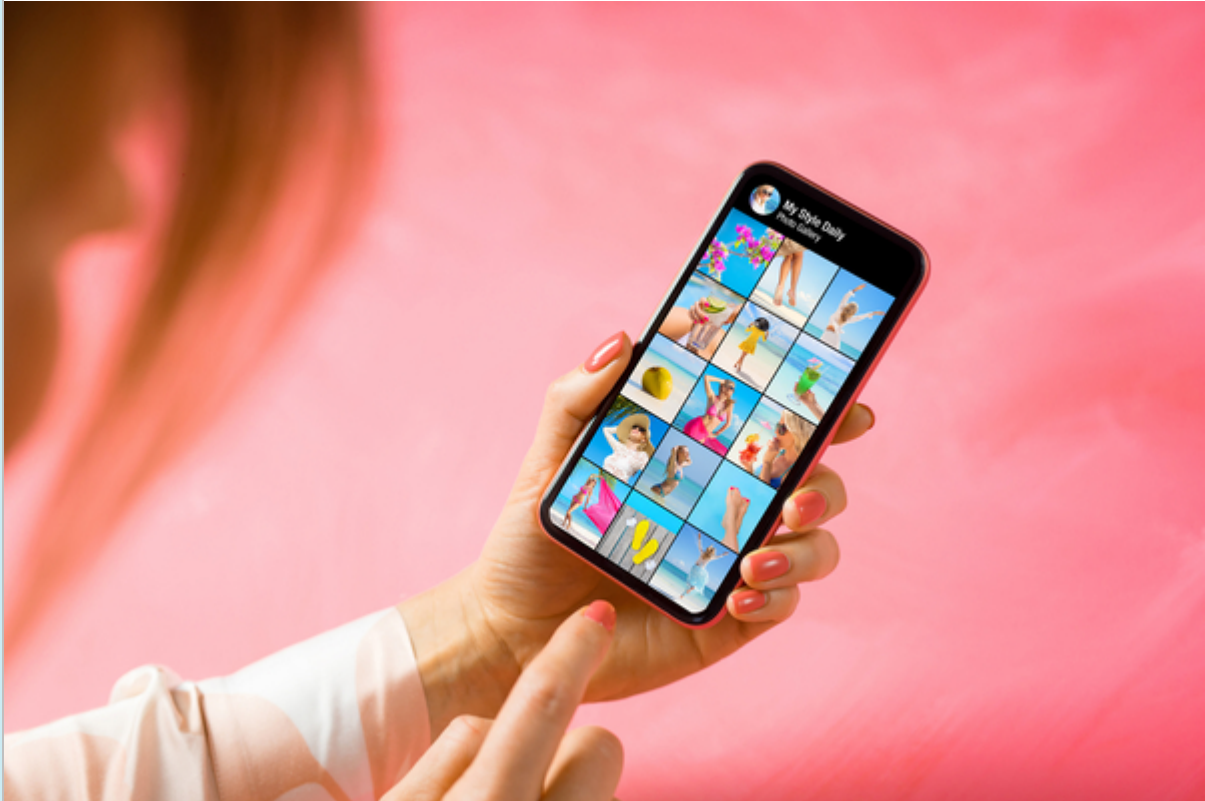
People search sites, also known as people finder sites, collect personal information about us from a variety of sources, compile it into a report, and sell those reports to anyone



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Learn how these sites work and how to ask them to stop selling your information.

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