



New Risks and Emerging Technologies: 2019 BBB Scam Tracker Risk Report

BY BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

The 2019 BBB Scam Tracker Risk Report, released earlier this week, uses data submitted by consumers to [BBB Scam Tracker](#) to shed light on how scams are being perpetrated, who is being targeted, which scams have the greatest impact, and much more. The BBB Risk Index helps us better understand which scams pose the highest risk by looking at three factors—exposure, susceptibility, and monetary loss.

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Cover Your Bases: Expert Tips to Avoid Identity Theft

BY LATAYNE SCOTT, MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (MOAA)

Resourceful identity thieves necessitate resourceful solutions to combat them. Military personnel are particularly vulnerable to identity theft. According to the Federal Trade Commission, there were more than 10,000 reports by service members of consumer credit card fraud in 2018.

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FTC: The Bottom-Line on Fake Check Scams

BY COLLEEN TRESSLER, FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

If someone you don't know sends you a check and asks for money back, that's a scam. [Fake checks](#) drive many types of scams — like those involving phony job and income opportunities, online classified ad sales, and others. In a fake check scam, a person you don't know asks you to deposit a check – sometimes for several thousand dollars and usually for more than you are owed — and then asks you to send some of the money back, often by wire transfers or gift cards, to them or another person.

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Military Families Crave Stability and More Time Together, Survey Finds

BY KAREN JOWERS, MILITARYTIMES

Spouse employment, children's education, [child care](#), family stability and time away from family are persistent issues for military families, and a new survey digs into some of the consequences of this military lifestyle. More than 11,000 family members, service members and veterans responded to the 2019 annual Blue Star Families' Military Family Lifestyle Survey. Of those who participated, 52 percent were active duty spouses and 9 percent were active duty members. This is the [11th year](#) the survey has been conducted.

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The Tenant Bill of Rights – What You Need to Know

BY MILITARY FAMILY ADVISORY NETWORK

It's not easy to speak up, but MFAN knows that data is powerful, and we appreciate the nearly 17,000 families who participated in our [housing survey](#). Together, your collective voices moved the needle on this issue. We are excited to break down the Tenant Bill of Rights in this blog post.

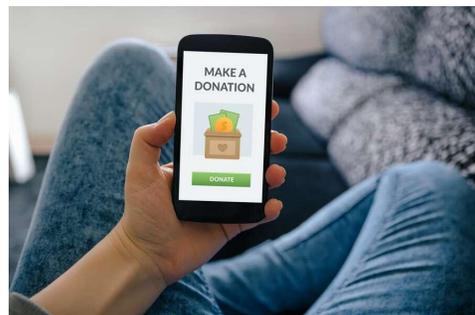
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SECO and MSEP 101: Made for Military Spouse Employment

BY MILITARY ONESOURCE

If you're a military spouse looking for employment, meet the Spouse Education and Career Opportunities program and the Military Spouse Employment Partnership. Made exclusively for the military spouse, these initiatives can help get you career-ready and find a great job.

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Scam Alert: Afraid of Getting Sick? Don't Fall for a Coronavirus Con

BY BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

While the spread of the disease COVID-19 is bad news for most people, it's great news for scammers who are cashing in on our anxiety about the disease. Look out for fake cures, phony prevention measures, and other coronavirus cons.

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Scam Alert: Robocall Scams Get Political

BY BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

Between the political ads and the news coverage, the 2020 presidential election is impossible to ignore. But voters aren't the only ones paying attention. According to recent [BBB Scam Tracker](#) reports, scammers are using phony political fundraising calls to trick Americans into "donating" to a favorite candidate.

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Fake Offers for Secret Shopper Jobs

BY BRIDGET SMALL, FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Did you get an offer to be a secret shopper for a well-known company? It might come as text, email, or letter inviting you to work on a 'research project starting soon in your area.' Several people who got offers to be secret shoppers for grocery stores, like Whole Foods, thought they were scams, and [wrote to the FTC](#) to warn others. They were right — the offers are scams — and now we're extending the warning.

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