



Social Media Influencers: How They're Changing the Marketplace and Tips to Avoid Fraud

BY BBB INSTITUTE FOR MARKETPLACE TRUST

Influencers and content creators are social media users who have leveraged their personalities, travels, stories, and/or talents to acquire great numbers of online followers, many of whom are young people. And as influencers extend their reach across the digital world, brands are eager to gain access to the new consumers who follow them.

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BY CATHLIN TULLY, FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION (FTC)

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BY EMMA FLETCHER, FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION (FTC)

Every year, thousands of service members report to the FTC about their consumer experiences. Those reports are the focus of the [FTC's Data Spotlight: Identity theft causing outsized harm to our troops](#). From an analysis of the data, we can see that servicemembers often face consumer challenges that differ from those faced by their civilian counterparts – especially when it comes to identity theft.

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BY MARK BELINSKY, MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (MOAA)

When it comes to military moves, DoD is shifting to a conditions-based approach where local commanders will manage risk, Defense Secretary Mark Esper and Gen. Mark Milley, USA, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, announced during a May 28 virtual town hall. MOAA followed up with U.S. Transportation Command (USTRANSCOM) officials to get answers to questions about the upcoming PCS season.

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BY MILITARY ONESOURCE

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