

Stay Safe Online This October



HOW CAN YOU AVOID ONLINE SCAMS?

- ✓ Don't click on the link.
- ✓ Ignore the email.
- ✓ Delete the friend request.

  

New BBB Research Shows Low Financial Literacy, Social Isolation Increase Scam Risk

BY BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

New fraud research shows that people who live alone or have low financial literacy levels are more likely to lose money to scammers. The research also shows that the highest engagement and victimization rates involve online purchases and social media—outpacing telephone, mail and email fraud.

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Millennials and Fraud: What's the Story?

BY LISA WEINTRAUB SCHIFFERLE, FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Lots of people fall for scams. Is it any different for Millennials? According to the Data Spotlight, Millennials are 25% more likely to report losing money to fraud than other adults (age 40 and over), and much more likely to tell us they lost money on certain types of fraud. Online shopping frauds stand out – Millennials are twice as likely to report losing money on items that are never delivered or not as advertised.

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All Troops Will Now Get Free Credit Monitoring Service

BY MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (WRITTEN BY KAREN JOWERS, MILITARY TIMES)

The three credit reporting agencies have agreed to provide [free credit monitoring services](#) to all active duty members, going beyond the federal government's

requirements, according to two senators who had pushed for broader eligibility.

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Military Family Advisory Network's 2019 Military Family Support Programming Survey

We encourage you to take 20 minutes and complete the Military Family Advisory Network's 2019 Military Family Support Programming Survey. You will be asked to share your input on a variety of topics that impact military life including health and wellness, retirement, housing and childcare. The results are presented to key policymakers at the Pentagon, the White House, Capitol Hill, and other stakeholders who have the ability to institute change where it is needed. Visit militaryfamilyadvisorynetwork.org/survey to complete the survey by November 11.

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Scam Alert: Got a New Device? Beware of Scams When Activating It

BY BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU
A favorite tactic of scammers is to



Is that Email Really From the Boss? A BBB Study of Business Email Compromise Scams

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An in-depth investigative [study](#) by Better

convince consumers to pay for services that would otherwise be free. BBB Scam Tracker ([BBB.org/ScamTracker](https://www.bbb.org/scamtracker)) is getting reports of a con where scam artists charge activation fees for devices that are, in fact, completely free to set up.

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Business Bureau (BBB) finds that business email compromise scams are skyrocketing in frequency and have cost businesses and other organizations more than \$3 billion since 2016.

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Your Uniformed Services TSP Account: A Sweet Deal That Just Got Sweeter

BY MILITARY SAVES (WRITTEN BY CLOUD SPURLOCK, FEDERAL RETIREMENT THRIFT INVESTMENT BOARD)

When we talk about retirement planning, we tend to focus on the time we spend accumulating savings during our working years. It's equally important to keep an eye on how you'll access and spend your savings when you become eligible. Here's some great news for participants in the Thrift Savings Plan (TSP): the TSP just rolled out big changes that offer flexible withdrawal options to all accounts.

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Five Tips to Help Veterans Succeed in Starting a Business

BY BRIAN ANDERSON, MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Here are five tips and resources to help veteran entrepreneurs start, grow and succeed in business.

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Tips for Getting Out of Debt

BY MILITARY SAVES

Getting out of debt is not quick nor is it easy, but with persistence and dedication it can be accomplished, and can bring peace of mind and financial stability. Here are a few ways to get started.

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