



Military Spouses and Veterans Report Highest Losses to Employment Scams

BY BBB INSTITUTE FOR MARKETPLACE TRUST

A recent [Better Business Bureau \(BBB\) report](#) shed light on those most impacted by employment scams: military spouses and veterans. Military spouses and veterans were both more likely to be victimized than non-military consumers, and more notably, the median dollar loss was significantly higher – nearly double – than those reported by non-military consumers.

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Steer Clear of Work-At-Home Scams

BY SACHIT GALI, FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION (FTC)

As the Coronavirus continues to spread, you may be looking for ways to make money without ever stepping foot outside your door. Maybe you saw an ad online for a business coaching program you can do from your living room. Or maybe you got a call about getting paid to stuff envelopes from your dining room table. While these might look like easy ways to earn quick money and stay safe at home – most of these jobs are scams.

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It's Military Consumer Month 2020

BY ANDREW SMITH, BUREAU OF CONSUMER PROTECTION

Military Consumer Month is here! As of June 30, consumers have submitted more than 115,000 reports of fraud related to COVID-19, resulting in reported losses of more than \$74 million. Scammers follow the headlines to take advantage of current events. They're doing the same now, exploiting people's concerns about the virus, as well as ripping off those who are affected by the pandemic's financial implications.

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Moving Scams Cause Financial and Emotional Nightmares, BBB Study Finds

BY BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

An in-depth investigative study by Better Business Bureau (BBB) finds that scams are widespread in the moving industry, particularly when it comes to interstate moves. BBB receives an average of 13,000 complaints and negative reviews about movers each year, with many complaints describing how experiences with dishonest moving companies have turned into financial and emotional nightmares.

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The Real Cost of Moving

BY REBEKAH SANDERLIN, MILITARY FAMILY ADVISORY NETWORK (MFAN)

Every move can set a military family back about \$5,000. That's money they'll never be reimbursed for and will never recover. And military families move, on average, every two to three years. MFAN has collected data from military families over the past four years that shows that financial stress is a primary burden during the permanent change of station (PCS) process.

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BY MILITARY ONESOURCE

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A card circulating online by a group calling themselves the Freedom to Breathe Agency, claiming the holder is lawfully exempt from wearing a mask endorsed by the American with Disabilities Act, is simply not valid.

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BBB Scam Alert: COVID Contact Tracing Work Inspires Copycat Scams

BY BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

Public health officials are rolling out [COVID-19 contact tracing](#) programs. Of course, scammers are finding nefarious ways to use these efforts for their personal gain.

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Don't Panic, Plan It!

BY LORI SCHOCK, U.S. SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION (SEC)

Your first reaction during a time of market volatility may be to panic. Don't. Instead, plan it! Various events can cause market fluctuations—pandemics, shifts in government policies, crises in foreign countries, changes in economic data, and so much more. You can't control how these forces may impact the market, but you can take steps to mitigate their impact on your investment portfolio.

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Shopping Online? Watch This Video First

BY JABARI COOK, FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION (FTC)

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