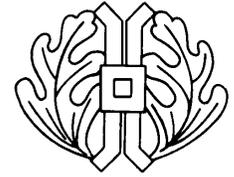


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The Federal Trade Commission is an agency of the federal government. Among its many responsibilities, is the monitoring of consumer scams. They deal with frauds in over 150 different areas; advertising, buying, leasing, renting cars, credit, debt collection, exercise equipment, franchises, funeral services, investment schemes, lending services, online shopping, privacy, scholarships, sweepstakes, telemarketing, work-at-home schemes.

If you think you've been defrauded, you should consult with the Federal Trade Commission. They can provide you with the information you need to identify and avoid fraud and deception. The Federal Trade Commission cannot solve individual disputes or represent you directly in a dispute with a company, but the FTC can act and enforce consumer protection laws when it sees a pattern of consumer abuse.

#### Legal Assistance Appointments:

For an appointment to see a legal assistance attorney, please contact the Legal Assistance Office, located in Building 610, Naval Air Station North Island, by telephone at (619) 545-6278.

#### RESOURCES:

Consumer Response Center  
Federal Trade Commission  
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1-877-FTC-HELP  
[www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov)