



## National Slam the Scam Day

It's National Slam the Scam Day — a day to inform the public about the continuing threat of government imposter scams. Scammers often rely on manipulation and deception to exploit individuals or organizations. A prevalent tactic involves creating a sense of urgency and pressuring victims to act quickly without fully understanding the situation. Scammers frequently use sophisticated technology to mimic legitimate communications, making it increasingly difficult to distinguish between genuine offers and fraudulent schemes. Awareness and vigilance are essential in identifying red flags, such as unsolicited requests for personal information, promises of guaranteed returns, or high-pressure sales tactics. Always verify the source's legitimacy and trust your instincts; if something seems too good to be true, it likely is.

In 2023, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) [reported](#) over \$10 billion in losses to scams. The top three reported fraud categories were Identity Theft, Imposter Scams, Credit Bureaus, Info Furnishers, and Report Users. Scammers are increasingly succeeding in their ruses and stealing your well-earned money to fuel transnational organized crime. Consumers reported losses of \$4 billion in investment-related scams and \$2.7 billion in imposter scams in 2023 alone. For additional information on how to spot scams and keep your money and information safe, please visit the Architect of the Capitol Office of Inspector General's [fraud awareness site](#) or the FTC's [scam site](#). **#SlamtheScam**



