



SCAMMER SCORECARD

August 2020

August in Review

In August, Attorney General Josh Stein filed a price gouging lawsuit against a company for allegedly breaking the law by trying to sell face masks to North Carolina's health care systems and government officials at more than a 100 percent markup in an attempt to make more than \$30 million in profits per transaction. While a state of emergency remains in effect, report price gouging concerns to our office at 1-877-5-NO-SCAM or ncdoj.gov/gouging.

Older North Carolinians reported losing more than \$500,000 in 10 separate incidents related to sweetheart scams. Another 20 individuals reported more than \$37,000 lost to sweepstakes scams. Remember to talk to your loved ones about scammers who manipulate emotions of love and excitement to defraud people of their hard-earned money, and report potential scams to our office.



176

Elder Fraud Complaints

\$639,729.68

Lost



786

2020 Total Count: 5,845

Robocall Reports

If you receive robocalls, report them to our Robocall Report Task Force at ncdoj.gov/norobo or at 1-844-8-NO-ROBO. Don't share bank account, credit card, or Social Security numbers unless you've verified who you're speaking with.



Be on the lookout for...

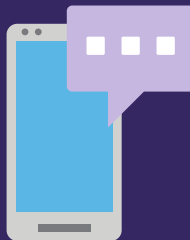
Online Safety Risks

With most students back to school and learning remotely, make sure your children are using the internet safely and you've put safety protocols in place to protect them from dangerous online content. [Learn more here.](#)

Covid-19 Contact Tracing Scams

As North Carolina continues contact tracing to help contain the spread of coronavirus, here's how [legitimate Covid-19 contact tracers](#) will reach out to you. Remember, contact tracers won't ask for financial information.

- A call from the number listed on your local health department's website
- A text from 45394
- An email from NC-ARIAS-noreply@dhhs.nc.gov



If you or a loved one has been the victim of a scam, report it to our office:

ncdoj.gov/complaint or 1-877-5-NO-SCAM