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## April is Financial Literacy Month

*Tips and Resources Links to Avoid Scams and Know How to Protect Yourself*

Learn how to protect yourself so that you are making well-informed decisions about your money. We live in an age of rapidly evolving technology. Many of us may now conduct our personal and professional business on the internet and on other mobile platforms. While these provide conveniences to us, they create opportunities for scammers, hackers and identity thieves to commit cybercrime. In 2020, reports of identity theft reached nearly 1.4 million, more than double that of 2019. Treasurer Freidenrich wants you to be aware of the resources to help you notice an attempt to steal your money or identity before you become a victim.

Resources: [ftc.gov/tips-advice](http://ftc.gov/tips-advice) , [ftccomplaintassistant.gov](http://ftccomplaintassistant.gov), [onguardonline.gov](http://onguardonline.gov)



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### IDENTITY THEFT

Prevention Resources and How to Report Identify Theft

[identitytheft.gov](http://identitytheft.gov) and [ftc.gov/idtheft](http://ftc.gov/idtheft)

Taxpayers Guide to Identify Theft

[irs.gov/newsroom/taxpayer-guide-to-identity-theft](http://irs.gov/newsroom/taxpayer-guide-to-identity-theft)

Military Personnel & Families: What to Know, What to Do, Add Alerts

[consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0273-active-duty-alerts](http://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0273-active-duty-alerts)

### COMMON SCAMS

Phone Scams

[consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0208-phone-scams](http://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0208-phone-scams)

IRS Tax Scams/Consumer Alerts

[irs.gov/newsroom/tax-scams-consumer-alerts](http://irs.gov/newsroom/tax-scams-consumer-alerts)

Charity/Crowdfunding/Free Trial Products Scams

[oag.ca.gov/consumers/common-scams](http://oag.ca.gov/consumers/common-scams)

Home Repair Scams

[consumer.ftc.gov/features/pass-it-on/home-improvement-scams](http://consumer.ftc.gov/features/pass-it-on/home-improvement-scams)



### SMALL BUSINESS

Data Breach Response: A Guide for Business

[ftc.gov/data-breach-resources](http://ftc.gov/data-breach-resources)

Cybersecurity and Your Small Business

[ftc.gov/tips-advice/business-center/small-businesses](http://ftc.gov/tips-advice/business-center/small-businesses)

Common Scams That Target Your Small Business

[ftc.gov/tips-advice/business-center/guidance/scams-your-small-business-guide-business#commonscams](http://ftc.gov/tips-advice/business-center/guidance/scams-your-small-business-guide-business#commonscams)



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[consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0155-free-credit-reports](http://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/0155-free-credit-reports) or call 1-877-322-8228

[youtube.com/watch?v=HXgMLpc7ivE&feature=youtu.be](http://youtube.com/watch?v=HXgMLpc7ivE&feature=youtu.be)

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