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## **Resources for Victims of Financial Frauds**

### **Suicide Hotline for Immediate Assistance**

#### **❖ Suicide & Crisis Lifeline**

Free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress. Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, across the United States.

- Call or text **988**

### **Tax Guidance**

#### **❖ IRS – Taxpayer Advocate**

Free assistance from a local Taxpayer Advocate

- <https://www.irs.gov/advocate/local-taxpayer-advocate>

#### **❖ IRS – Offer in Compromise**

Settle tax debt for less than what is owed. Pre-qualifier tool available

- <https://www.irs.gov/payments/offer-in-compromise>

#### **❖ IRS – Help for Victims of Ponzi Investment Schemes**

- <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/help-for-victims-of-ponzi-investment-schemes>

#### **❖ IRS form 4684, for reporting Casualties and Thefts**

- [www.irs.gov/Form4684](http://www.irs.gov/Form4684)

### **Guidance on Requesting a Credit Freeze and Identity Theft**

#### **❖ What To Know About Credit Freezes and Fraud Alerts**

- <https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/what-know-about-credit-freezes-fraud-alerts>

#### **❖ To place a credit freeze**

Contact each of the three credit bureaus — Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion

- <https://www.identitytheft.gov/#/CreditBureauContacts>

#### **❖ Federal Trade Commission – Identity Theft**

To report identity theft and get a recovery plan

- <https://www.identitytheft.gov/>

#### **❖ Identity Theft Resource Center**

Non-profit organization with guidance on preventing identity theft and expert advisors available for calls and online chats with guidance on recovering your identity

- <https://www.idtheftcenter.org/>



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### **Support Groups and Helplines**

#### **❖ Give an Hour**

Offers virtual support groups, workshops, resources, and mental health counseling

- <https://giveanhour.org/financial-fraud/>

#### **❖ Cybercrime Support Network**

Peer support program and resources for victims of romance scams.

The counselor-led sessions provide a safe virtual environment for individuals to work through the loss, embarrassment, and isolation that can accompany romance scams.

Free 10-week virtual program – 1 hour weekly sessions with licensed counselors.

- <https://fightcybercrime.org/programs/peer-support/>

#### **❖ Victim Connect Resource Center**

A weekday phone, chat, and text-based referral helpline

- <https://victimconnect.org/>

#### **❖ AARP**

Support group that meets online through AARP Fraud Watch Network™.

The VOA ReST (Resilience, Strength, and Time) program, a collaboration between AARP and Volunteers of America (VOA), offers free online facilitated emotional support sessions for fraud victims. You can attend as many sessions as you'd like, just register in advance online.

- <https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/voa-rest-program/>

### **Assistance on filing an IC3 Complaint**

#### **❖ IC3.gov Public Service Announcement**

What to include when filing an IC3

- <https://www.ic3.gov/Media/Y2023/PSA230824>

#### **❖ If you require assistance retrieving your transaction history.**

Most cryptocurrency exchanges have guides on their websites, for example:

- **Coinbase:** <https://help.coinbase.com/en/commerce/managing-account/transaction-reporting>
- **Crypto.com:** <https://help.crypto.com/en/articles/4837927-how-do-i-export-my-transaction-history-exchange>
- **Kraken:** <https://support.kraken.com/hc/en-us/articles/208267878-How-to-export-your-account-history>
- **Gemini:** <https://support.gemini.com/hc/en-us/articles/209113526-How-can-I-view-my-transaction-history->



### **General Information and Resources on Frauds**

❖ **AARP**

Resources available (not just for senior citizens)

- <https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/>

❖ **Federal Trade Commission Consumer Advice**

Guidance on online privacy, how to protect your devices from hackers and threats, and how to avoid common online scams

- <https://consumer.ftc.gov/identity-theft-and-online-security/online-privacy-and-security>

❖ **FINRA Investor Education Foundation**

General resources to detect, prevent, and respond to financial fraud

- <https://www.finrafoundation.org/networks-we-strengthen/fighting-fraud>

❖ **IC3.gov Public Service Announcements**

On Pig Butchering:

- <https://www.ic3.gov/Media/Y2023/PSA230314>

On Cryptocurrency Recovery Scams:

- <https://www.ic3.gov/Media/Y2023/PSA230811>