



Tuesday's Tip

information provided by Adriance Memorial Library to make your life a little bit easier

National Consumer Protection Week (NCPW)

March 3, 2015

March 1st-7th 2015 marks this year's observance of [National Consumer Protection Week](#). Over 80 organizations have compiled content that will help protect both consumers' personal safety and their pocketbooks. There are ways to prevent accidents, and handle debt responsibly. The site covers everything from identity theft to cyberbullying.

Participating organizations include the Federal Trade Commission (FTC); Food and Drug Administration (FDA); New York Department of State Division of Consumer Protection; Consumers Union; Better Business Bureau; Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) ----and so many others!

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Here is the Consumer Topics Page. So much to choose from!

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Consumer Topics

Every day, we make choices that affect our lives, health, privacy, technology and more.

NCPW.gov offers consumers a wealth of tips and information from federal and state government and non-profit partner organizations. You can download and print the materials and share them with friends and neighbors, or order materials from select partners if you're planning a larger event such as a conference or workshop.

Just look through the categories listed below for resources that will help you make your best choices.

- Banking
- Credit, Credit Cards & Debt
- Health & Safety
- Identity Theft
- International
- Investing
- Scam Alert
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5 Tips for Safe Mobile Banking

Check out these five tips from the Washington Department of Financial Institutions about protecting your money and identity when banking on a smartphone or tablet.

CFA Identity Theft Video

With so much personal information about ourselves and our contacts on our computers, laptops, notebooks and smartphones, these devices are tempting targets for ID thieves. They don't even need to steal your phone or computer to get the information it contains. So get smart – watch Consumer Federation of America's funny video and read the tips at www.consumerfed.org/idtheft to learn how to protect yourself and the people you care about from ID theft and fraud.

Cyberbullying

Cyberbullying is bullying or harassment that happens online. It can happen in email, text message, a game, or on a social networking site. It might involve spreading rumors or images or creating a group or page to make a person feel left out. [Read more](#)

Disposing of Old Computers

You can ensure the hard drive in your old computer won't get misused by identity thieves. Use a program to overwrite or wipe the hard drive, or remove the hard drive and physically destroy it. [Read more](#)

Disposing of Your Mobile Device

Thinking of upgrading to a new mobile phone or device, or returning one that didn't work out for you? It's important to delete any personal information you stored on the device. [Read more](#)

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Disposing of Your Mobile Device

Thinking of upgrading to a new mobile phone or device? Maybe returning one that didn't work out for you? It's important to delete any personal information you stored on the device.

→ [How to Remove Personal Information](#)

→ [Checking Twice](#)

→ [Discarding with Care](#)

How to Remove Personal Information

Related Items

- Disposing of Old Computers
- How to Keep Your Personal Information Secure
- Understanding Mobile Apps

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JOBS & MAKING MONEY

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Here's another example on investing.

The screenshot shows the homepage for National Consumer Protection Week (March 1-7, 2015). The header includes navigation links: About Us, Consumer Topics, Get Involved, and Blog. A search bar is located in the top right. The main content area is titled "Consumer Topics" and lists various categories in a grid: Banking, Credit, Credit Cards & Debt, Health & Safety, Identity Theft, International, Investing (highlighted with a red arrow), Scam Alert, Shopping & Saving, Technology, Your Automobile, Your Business, and Your Home. On the right side, there are buttons for "Subscribe", "Order Free Resources", and "Read the blog". A featured resource section highlights "Details on scams for Spanish speakers".

This screenshot shows the "Investing" page on the National Consumer Protection Week website. The left sidebar lists "CONSUMER TOPICS" with "Investing" selected. The main content area features a "A Guide to Buying, Selling, or Renting Property in New York State" and a "BBB Smart Investing" section (highlighted with a red arrow). Other sections include "BrokerCheck", "Business Opportunities: Multilevel Marketing (WI)", and "CFTC SmartCheck". On the right, there are buttons for "Subscribe", "Order Free Resources", and "Read the blog".

The screenshot shows the BBB Council of Better Business Bureaus website. The header includes the BBB logo and navigation links: ABOUT, CONSUMER EDUCATION (highlighted with a red arrow), PROGRAMS & SERVICES, and FOR BUSINESSES. The main content area is titled "Smart Investing" and features a large banner with the text "Smart Investing Before You Invest, Ask and Check" and an image of a smiling couple. Below the banner are three sections: "Watch This Video", "Be a Smarter Investor", and "Trick\$ of the Trade DVD", each with a "LEARN MORE" button.

Check it out!

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