

## How to protect your rights against solar power generation scams

### Are solar panels a scam?

That is,of course,also a scam. To protect yourself from clean energy scams: Know that "free" or "no cost" solar panel offers are scams. The federal government does not install solar systems in homes for free. If you're considering whether solar energy is right for you,check out the Department of Energy's guide for homeowners and learn more.

#### How do I avoid solar panel scams?

Knowing about solar scams and what to look out for can help you protect your assets and prevent you from becoming victimized. To avoid solar panel scams, we strongly recommend doing your own research and verifying that your solar company is legitimate before signing any contracts. Take time to make the right decision: Never rush into a contract.

#### What if my company offers solar energy?

If your company offers solar energy,remember that claims must not only be truthful,but also comply with established consumer protection laws,including the FTC Act and the FTC's new Impersonation Rule. Be truthful. Every clean energy company has a responsibility to be honest and upfront with consumers. Be transparent about what you're offering.

#### What should I do if a solar business is a scam?

Protect your personal information. Don't respond to unexpected requests online or on social media for your name, address, or other personal information to "see if you qualify." At best, this is someone generating leads to sell, not actual solar businesses. At worst, they're scammers trying to steal your identity.

#### Can a solar energy audit help you save money?

The so-called official offers you an "energy audit" to reduce your utility costs. Or they might try to sign you up for a "free" program to make your home more energy efficient with solar energy. While they might say they're from your utility company or the government, they're not.

#### How do I know if a solar contract is a scam?

Pay attention to warranties, cancellation policies, payment schedules, and try to spot any hidden fees. Honest businesses will give you time to go over the terms of the contract, understand the agreement, and let you sign it in writing. To learn more, visit ftc. gov /solar. And if you spot a scam, tell the FTC.

Many companies that install solar power misuse these benefits and lure average, everyday folks into solar panel scams. Many solar scams are from companies selling their products and services with door-to-door solar

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1. Don't believe the "free solar" ads. Ads for "free solar" are among the most pernicious scams, says Andrew Posner, founder and CEO of nonprofit Capital Good Fund, a financial institution working to help low-income ...

While solar power is a cost-effective and environmentally-friendly option, it's important to be aware of the potential scams that exist in the industry. ... To protect yourself and your investment, it's crucial to be informed ...

Depending on your specific situation, you may reduce your bills or, in some cases, end up paying nothing each month by going solar. Your savings from solar will depend on various factors, such as your energy ...

Not only should you be filtering out spam emails, but you should also be blocking spam calls on your phone. You can use third-party spam-blocking apps and/or use the scam-blocking services included in your cell ...

How to avoid solar panel scams. Depending on your source, you"ll find different definitions of what solar panel scams are. For the purposes of this article, we"ll focus on making sure that what ...

Legitimate businesses help consumers make informed decisions about whether powering with solar or clean energy is right for them. So share FTC resources about protecting against deceptive practices, point people to ...

Red flags and signs of a solar panel scam. There are several steps in the process of getting solar panels for your home, and there are different red flags you could encounter along the way: Watch out for ads that make wild promises like "free ...

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Here"s how to steer clear of the scams: Do some research. Avoid solar companies that say a government program will cover the whole cost of solar panels -- or say they"re from (or affiliated with) the government. ...



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