

## **NEWS FROM SCDCA**

SOUTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

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## **SCDCA Celebrates National Consumer Protection Week**

Outreach includes 4 shred events, a webinar, a phone bank and more

COLUMBIA, S.C. – The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs (SCDCA) is celebrating National Consumer Protection Week from March 7-11. The following schedule of events is meant to raise awareness on consumer topics such as scams, identity theft, debt collection and more.

SCDCA is kicking off the week with a phone bank in partnership with WLTX.

• Monday, March 7, 6:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Members of SCDCA and the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS) will be on hand to answer questions about scams and identity theft.

Visit SCDCA and ORS for great consumer tips and information at the Harvest Hope Food Bank.

• Monday, March 7, 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. 2220 Shop Rd., Columbia

SCDCA will partner with Shred360 to offer shred events across the state. Consumers should not bring more than five (5) file boxes to shred.

- Tuesday, March 8, 11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. Timmons Arena, 3300 Poinsett Hwy, Greenville (Furman University)
- Wednesday, March 9, 11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m. Regal Azalea Square Stadium 16, 215 Azalea Square Blvd., Summerville
- **Friday, March 11,** 11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.

Location one: Shred360, 413 Western Ln., Irmo

Location two: Broadway at the Beach, 1325 Celebrity Cir., Myrtle Beach

Join SCDCA **Thursday, March 10,** 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., for a webinar on being a Savvy Consumer. For more information on the webinar and to register visit <u>www.consumer.sc.gov</u> and click Upcoming Events.

## **About SCDCA**

The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs aims to protect consumers from inequities in the marketplace through advocacy, complaint mediation, enforcement and education. To file a complaint or get information on consumer issues, visit <a href="https://www.consumer.sc.gov">www.consumer.sc.gov</a> or call toll-free, 1-800-922-1594.