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

Outreach includes statewide shred events, a Twitter contest and a new YouTube video

COLUMBIA, S.C. – The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs (SCDCA) is celebrating National Consumer Protection Week (NCPW) from March 6 – 10. The following schedule of events is meant to raise awareness of scams and identity theft.

SCDCA is kicking off the week in partnership with the Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS). Members of SCDCA and ORS will be at Harvest Hope Food Bank with information and consumer tips.

- **Monday, March 6 at 9 a.m.**  
Harvest Hope Food Bank  
2220 Shop Road, 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 7**, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
North Charleston Coliseum, 5001 Coliseum Drive, North Charleston
- **Wednesday, March 8**, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Timmons Arena, 3300 Poinsett Highway, Greenville (Furman University)
- **Thursday, March 9**, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Dutch Square Mall, 421 Bush River Road, Columbia
- **Friday, March 10**, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Shandon Baptist Church, 5250 Forest Drive, Columbia

Additional outreach activities include a Twitter contest encouraging consumers to use #TellIDCA to report scams. Eligible participants can win one of five \$20 gift cards donated by the Carolinas Credit Union League. To participate, follow @SCDCA on Twitter. SCDCA will also release a new video to educate consumers on the most common red flags of a scam. The video will be posted to SCDCA's YouTube channel, SCDCA TV. Consumers can access it and many other topical videos even after NCPW ends.

### **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 [www.consumer.sc.gov](http://www.consumer.sc.gov) or call toll-free, 1-800-922-1594.

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