

SCAMS IN SC | 10/01/22 - 10/31/22

Crooks use clever schemes to defraud millions of people every year. They often combine sophisticated technology with age-old tricks to get people to send money or give out personal information. They add new twists to old schemes and pressure people to make important decisions on the spot. One thing that never changes: they follow Headlines—and the money.

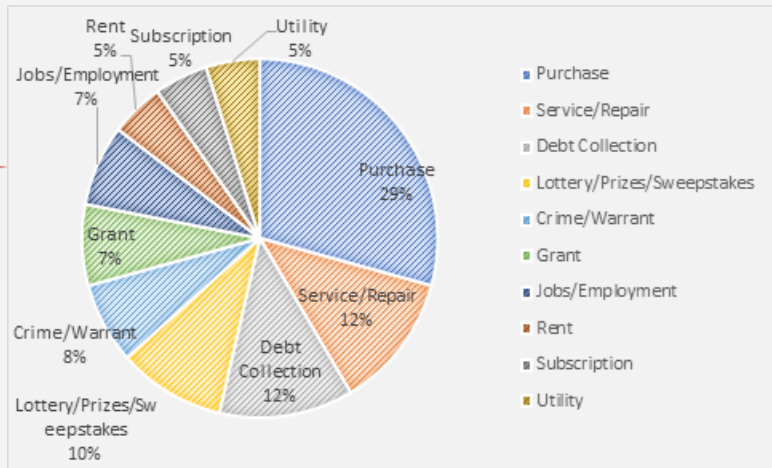
The charts below reflect scams reported to SCDCA from **10/01/22 to 10/31/22**

Top Reported Scams in South Carolina

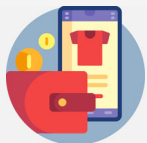
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TOP THREE CATEGORIES

1. Purchase
2. Debt Collection
3. Service/Repair



Purchase



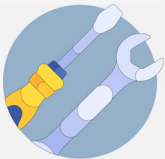
Consumer directed to or approached by imposter business to trick consumer into paying for fake consumer goods. Most online purchase scams occur when a payment is made online to purchase something, and nothing is delivered.

Debt Collection

Two common types: (1) Fake debt collector repeatedly calls, falsely represents the amount/ status of debt, fails to send written notice of debt, threatens with a fake suit, profane language and fails to identify self as debt collector. (2) Offers of debt management, settlement or negotiation, including mortgage/foreclosure assistance.



Service/Repair

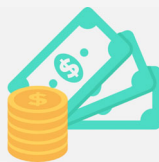


Consumer directed to or approached by imposter business to trick consumer into paying for a fake service or repair.
Example: Fake credit repair companies; internet services

POTENTIAL LOSSES

\$262,286.56

This is the total amount of money reported to SCDCA by consumers who did NOT fall for a scam



ACTUAL LOSSES

\$58,304.95

This is the total amount of money reported to SCDCA by consumers who DID fall for a scam

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TOP SCAMS BY MONTH

