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 06/01/22 to 06/30/22

57 REPORTS

TOP THREE CATEGORIES

1. Purchase
2. Tech
3. Service/Repair

**Top Reported Scams in South Carolina**

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**Potential Losses**

$178,434.95

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

**Actual Losses**

$364,581.12

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

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**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.

**Tech**

Any exploit vulnerabilities to gain access in your system or network.

**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.