

# NEWS FROM SCDCA

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### CONSUMER AFFAIRS HOSTS WEBINARS FOR CONSUMERS AND BUSINESSES

**Columbia, SC.....**In keeping with the changing times and technology, the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs (SCDCA) is providing a new series of webinars on pertinent industry and consumer issues. Consumer and business representatives are encouraged to participate in these 30 minute workshops. Participants are guided through a power point discussion with SCDCA experts. These free, convenient workshops will heighten awareness of key legislation and industry trends.

#### **Webinar Schedule for October 2009:**

Thursday, October 15

*Detecting and Avoiding Senior Scams*

(2:00 p.m. for all)

Tuesday, October 20

*Foreclosure Rescue Scams* (2:00 p.m. for all)

Tuesday, October 27

*Credit Cardholder's Bill of Rights*

(1:00 p.m. for consumers)

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(2:00 p.m. for industry professionals - 1 ½ hrs.)

#### **Webinar Schedule for November 2009:**

Tuesday, November 3

*Reverse Mortgages* (2:00 p.m. for all)

Tuesday, November 10

*Financial Identity Fraud and Identity Theft*

*Protection Act*

(2:00 p.m. for consumers)

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(3:00 p.m. for industry professionals – 1 ½ hrs.)

Thursday, November 19

*Online Holiday Purchases* (2:00 p.m. for all)

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**Important Registration Information:**

Registration forms will be available two weeks prior to each webinar at [www.sccoconsumer.gov](http://www.sccoconsumer.gov). Consumers and business representatives should register 3 business days prior to the scheduled webinar. Webinar schedules will continue into 2010. Topic information will be released in advance. For more information, contact the Public Information Division at 803.734.4296, toll free at 1.800.922.1594 or online at [www.sccoconsumer.gov](http://www.sccoconsumer.gov).

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