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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### Consumer Agency Warns Businesses Not to Purchase Government Posters

Columbia, SC..... The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs (SCDCA) warns businesses not to fall for unsolicited telephone calls attempting to sell Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) posters or other state and federal government materials.

These deceitful companies use high pressure sales tactics and vague threats of fines and criminal charges to pressure businesses into purchasing government mandated materials at a cost of hundreds of dollars. Often the company will have an official sounding name and may reference being affiliated with various government programs, but they are not.

**The truth is these materials are available free of charge.** The posters can be acquired by contacting the U.S. Department of Labor or the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation. Companies should check with these entities to be sure they have all required materials posted.

Businesses searching the Internet for work posters are advised to be very careful when selecting a website. Felonious companies often mimic and spoof government websites to try and mislead businesses into purchasing these free materials. Real government websites will always have a web address that ends with a .gov extension.

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#### About the South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs:

Established by the Consumer Protection code in 1974, The South Carolina Department of Consumer Affairs represents the interests of South Carolina Consumers.

Our mission is to protect consumers from inequities in the marketplace through advocacy, mediation, enforcement and education.

For more information, visit [www.sconsumer.gov](http://www.sconsumer.gov).

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