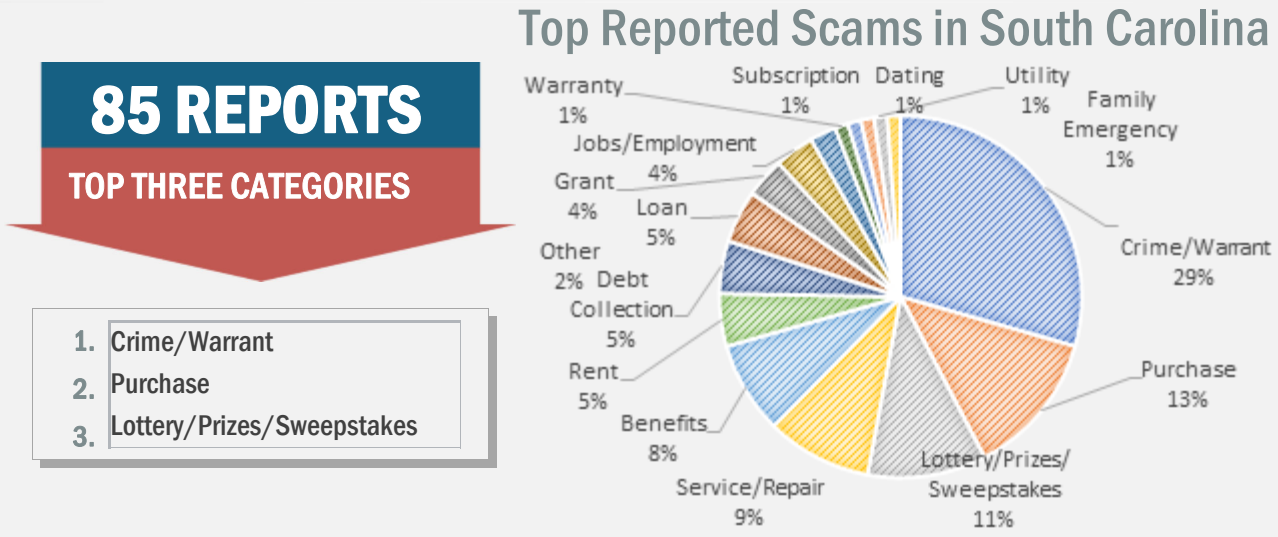


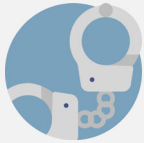
SCAMS IN SC | MAR 2021

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 in Mar 2021



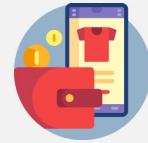
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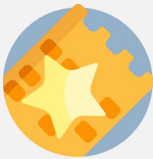
Consumer threatened with jail or arrest

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.



Lottery/Prizes/Sweepstakes

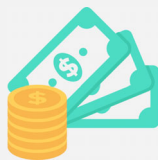


Consumer are contacted, telling them that they have won a lottery, sweepstakes, or other prize, but needs to first pay a fee (for taxes, custom fees, etc.) to collect their winnings.

POTENTIAL LOSSES

\$81,671.43

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



ACTUAL LOSSES

\$293,693.98

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

TOP SCAMS BY MONTH

