



RECOVERING FROM A DISASTER?

DON'T BE A VICTIM OF CONS AND SCAMS
Fight back with a Housing Counselor!

PROTECT YOURSELF. DO YOUR HOMEWORK. STAY ALERT.



Home Repairs

- Be wary of anyone soliciting work
- Ask for state or local permits
- Check references
- Don't pay in full upfront
- Get receipts
- FEMA and SBA inspectors never charge for disaster assistance or for inspections.



Fake Charities

- Watch out for fake charitable or disaster relief organizations
- Don't share personal or bank information over the phone
- Research unfamiliar charities



Identity Theft

- Always keep important papers in a safe place
- Contact your insurer at the number given to you by the company
- Watch your credit for at least several months
- Stop or forward your mail

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