

WORK AT HOME SCAM: Make \$4000 monthly

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Victor was laid off 6 months ago from his sales job in Jupiter. He decided the time was right to start working from his home. He saw an internet website advertising the perfect job opportunity paying \$1,000 a week to sell their products. All he had to do is send them \$100.00 to get started. After 2 months of waiting he received mail informing him how to place the same internet advertisement which directs people to send him the \$100.00. He feels that he's been scammed and wants his money back. He checks the website and finds it closed with no other way to locate the company and no new job.

Tips

Here are some points to review before considering a work at home job opportunity:

- The advertisement usually does not spell out exactly what you are required to do to be successful. Watch out for highly exaggerated claims of easy money that can be made in your spare time.
- Be cautious if you are required to pay an upfront fee for information or materials to get started. You may be sent parts to assemble into units which you are instructed to return to the company. But once the assembled units are received, they don't meet their "high standards of quality".
- If you receive unsolicited emails offering a work at home opportunity, be cautious as it could be spam or an attempt to gather personal information to be used in Identity theft.
- Beware of any advertisements that require you to take immediate action or pressure you to make a quick decision without doing some research.
- Check the company out thoroughly. Google the name and the telephone number. For additional tips you can also check www.ripoffreport.com or www.fraud.org, and the Federal Trade Commission's website www.ftc.gov.

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