

Solar Energy South Africa

Solar power generation agent scam



Overview

These scams start with an unexpected phone call, message on social, or even an in-person visit. The so-called official offers you an “energy audit” to reduce your utility costs. What is a solar energy scam?

The scams vary, but here’s the gist: someone claiming to be with the government or your utility company promises big savings on your utility bills from solar energy or other home improvements designed to increase energy efficiency. If you agree to the scammer’s offer, it could cost you tens of thousands of dollars.

Are free solar panels a scam?

Know that “free” or “no cost” solar panel offers are scams. The federal government does not install solar systems in homes for free. If you’re considering whether solar energy is right for you, check out the Department of Energy’s guide for homeowners and learn more. Or check out the Department of Treasury’s guidance on clean energy.

What are energy scams?

Energy scams involve people pretending to be energy companies or regulators to get your money or personal information. These scammers may pretend to be your energy company, say they’re from Ofgem or even from Energy Saving Trust to try and gain your trust.

Are 'fake' solar companies a scam?

Beware of any company asking you to make a big deposit before they have completed their installation. This is one of the most common ways ‘fake’ solar companies have targeted consumers - whereby they take a hefty deposit and then never turn up to carry out the installation. This is common solar scam.

How do I know if a solar contract is a scam?

Pay attention to warranties, cancellation policies, payment schedules, and try

to spot any hidden fees. Honest businesses will give you time to go over the terms of the contract, understand the agreement, and let you sign it in writing. To learn more, visit ftc.gov/solar. And if you spot a scam, tell the FTC.

Can a scammer sell your energy?

This is where a scammer claims to be from the energy regulator Ofgem. They may ask you to change your bank details or provide personal information to get funding or cheap energy. Ofgem will never ask you for personal information. They will also never sell you energy or show up at your house.

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Solar panel scams target homeowners interested in installing solar energy systems. They involve scammers making false promises or tricking you into paying for services you'll never receive. Recently, the FTC also ...

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Other warning signs of a solar power scam are high-pressure sales tactics. Scammers may insist that you sign a contract immediately without giving you time to review the details or do your research. Legitimate solar ...



How to avoid getting burned by solar or clean energy ...

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