

## Solar Energy South Africa

# What are the scams of photovoltaic panels



## Overview

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Promises of “free solar panels” or talk of “special programs” and offers that end on a very tight time frame are warning signs—you should never feel rushed into signing a multi-decade contract. Are solar panels a scam?

With that demand comes fierce competition within the solar panel market. Scams, schemes and straight-up fraud abound in the dark underbelly of an otherwise light-filled industry. While there are still many honest and reliable solar panel companies on the market, it can be hard to differentiate the good guys from the rest.

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 company is a scam?

Be wary of solicitors. Always verify the identity and credentials of anyone claiming to represent a solar company. Unscrupulous solar companies may employ aggressive or dishonest sales tactics to close deals quickly, especially if the proposed solar installation isn't in your best interest.

What are the most common solar scams?

One of the most prevalent solar scams involves misleading lease agreements or power purchase agreements (PPAs). While these financing options are legitimate ways to access solar energy, unethical companies may misrepresent the terms or benefits of these agreements.

How do I avoid solar scams?

Here are some of our recommendations for avoiding solar scams: The saying "there's no such thing as a free lunch" applies when shopping for solar! If you

see ads on social media or have a door-to-door salesperson stop by your home and share special programs that pay you to go solar, they're likely, not legitimate.

Are solar panels free?

As far as actual free solar panels go, there are some small programs in places, like the Solar for All program in Washington D.C., geared toward low-income households that offer modestly-sized solar panel systems for free. Very few homeowners will be able to qualify for these low-income solar programs. How much will solar panels cost you?

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### Solar Panel Scams: 7 Solar Red Flags And How To ...

Red flags and signs of a solar panel scam. There are several steps in the process of getting solar panels for your home, and there are different red flags you could encounter along the way: Watch out for ads that make wild promises like "free ...

### Beware of Solar Scams in Florida: How to Protect Yourself

Solar energy is a smart choice for homeowners looking to save money on their energy bills and reduce their carbon footprint. However, the solar industry is not immune to fraud and scams. Unfortunately, in recent years, ...



### Scams at a Glance: The Dark Side of Solar Solar Panel Scams Scams ...

Solar Panel Scams

- o Be wary of solar companies holding themselves out as being a government-affiliated entity.
- o Research a company thoroughly by looking at reviews and verifying ...



### [Solar panel cold calls to watch out for](#)

More than half of solar panel owners in our survey have been approached by a cold caller.

Some were trying to sell them something unnecessary or even claiming something likely untrue. The most common cold calls about solar ...



## American Solar scam calls and how to avoid them

Unsolicited contact: A scammer may pose as a representative of a solar energy company that allegedly just finished an installation in your area, offering a free energy analysis from a specialist to supposedly help you save ...

## Common Solar Panel Scams and How To Avoid Them

Solar panel scams come in different forms, each with its own set of deceptive tactics aimed at taking advantage of homeowners. Deceptive Lease Agreements. One of the most prevalent solar scams involves misleading lease ...



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Watch out for scam ads offering cheap installation and maintenance. We've heard numerous reports of scam emails and websites offering cheap solar panel installation and free health checks, so do be ...

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While you don't own the panels, payments, and terms may still impact you, especially if you sell your home. In most cases, purchasing your solar system offers the best return on investment and the greatest savings. One ...



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