

## Tips

### Help protect your members from fake check scammers



Learning about check scam prevention has never been so much fun. But, since there is nothing more “un-fun” than learning that a credit union member has fallen victim to a fake check scam, start directing your members to [www.FakeChecks.org](http://www.FakeChecks.org) to help prevent them from becoming victims and protect their assets.

FakeChecks.org leverages interactive, multi-media platforms and clever, straight-talking copy complimented by 70’s inspired “con artists” to relay serious information in an easy, humorous manner.

Unfortunately, while FakeChecks.org has fun educating consumers on fake check scam prevention, it’s a pretty serious issue. Victims of check scams lose \$3,000- \$4,000 on average, and can lose much more if they don’t catch on quickly enough. And, nearly 18 percent of adults say they or a family victim have fallen prey to a fake check scam. Some of the most popular scams that entrap people include foreign business offers, rental schemes and work-at-home opportunities—with new scams popping up all the time.

Urge your members to visit FakeChecks.org to take a “Fraud Test” or to witness one of the scams played out in video. Perusing the site will be time well spent.

FakeChecks.org was created by the [National Consumers League](http://www.ncl.org) (NCL), the nation's oldest nonprofit consumer organization, as a central source of information and advice about fake check scams. NCL created the site in collaboration with the Alliance for Consumer Fraud Awareness, a coalition of consumer and business organizations, government agencies, and companies that are committed to fighting fake check scams.