

Trademark scams: how to avoid them and what to do if you get fooled

USPTO scam prevention resources

How to avoid scams

- Visit our [Protect against scams](#) webpage for helpful tips.
- Visit our [Trademark basics](#) webpage to learn trademark fundamentals.
- Attend our free [Trademark Basics Boot Camp](#) to learn about the federal trademark registration process.
- Contact the [Trademark Assistance Center](#) for answers to general trademark questions.
- View upcoming deadlines for your application or registration using the [Trademark Status and Document Retrieval system](#) (TSDR).
- Verify [USPTO employee contact information](#) - when in doubt, request to call back anyone identifying themselves as a USPTO employee.
- Visit the [Trademark fee information](#) webpage to verify current filing fees.
- Verify your attorney's identity by contacting your local state bar association.
- Verify the authenticity of any USPTO correspondence by contacting your attorney, or the Trademark Assistance Center.



What to do if you get fooled

- Report financial scams to your bank.
- Submit a fraud complaint to the [Federal Trade Commission](#) (FTC).
- Contact your local [Federal Bureau of Investigation](#) (FBI) field office.
- Contact your local [attorney general](#).
- Report phone scams to the [Federal Communications Commission](#) (FCC).