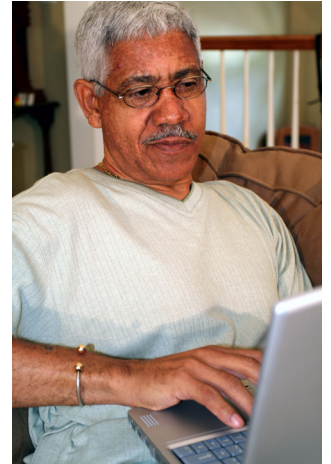


We've all seen ads from companies offering work-from-home opportunities, and though they may seem appealing, please proceed with caution. The Federal Trade Commission suggests that you ask the following questions before you begin a work-from-home program:

1. What tasks will I have to perform? (Ask the program sponsor to list every step of the job)
2. Will I be paid a salary or will my pay be based on commission?
3. Who will pay me and when will I get my first paycheck?
4. What is the total cost of the work-at-home program, including supplies, equipment, and membership fees? What will I get for my money?
5. Can you put all of this information in writing and send it to me? Legitimate work-at-home companies should be able to tell you in writing what's involved in the program they are selling.



Do your homework as well; check the company out with your local consumer protection agency, the state Attorney General's office, or the Better Business Bureau. If you believe you've been scammed by a work-from-home company, contact any of these agencies or visit www.ftc.gov.