# Avoid PACT Act scams and identity theft!

**Image**: Included in toolkit.

**Alt Text**: In Case You Missed It: Protecting PACT Act Benefits from Identity Theft Scammers, A VA Privacy In Action Speaker Series Event.

Watch VA’s free, recorded [“Protecting the Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act Benefits from Identity Theft Scammers” webinar](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jWTwh5iWoVs) to learn valuable tips to protect your VA benefits and financial well-being.

Veterans are prime targets of scams and identify theft, so VA’s Privacy Service hosted the webinar to help you understand how to safeguard your Veterans benefits and other finances from scammers. If you missed the webinar live, you can watch it now for free on the [VA Privacy Service Events webpage](https://department.va.gov/privacy/). No login required. Plus, there’s a free resource guide with more helpful advice you can download from the event page.

Three primary take-aways from the webinar include:

* Apply as soon as you can for PACT Act benefits by [filling out the online application](http://www.va.gov/resources/the-pact-act-and-your-va-benefits/) or calling 1-800-MYVA411.
* Watch out for illegitimate businesses offering PACT Act claim filing services in exchange for excessive fees or a percentage of the Veteran’s benefit.
* Learn how to have good financial hygiene. A first step is to visit [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) to get your free credit reports.

Veterans can also visit [VA Privacy Service’s website](https://department.va.gov/privacy/) for additional information about protecting the privacy of you and your families.

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