

WATCH OUT FOR CLAIMS PREDATORS! THEY WANT TO PREY ON YOUR BENEFITS.



WHAT ARE CLAIMS PREDATORS?

Claims predators are “bad actors” who unlawfully charge Veterans a fee to “help” them process their claims with the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). They target Veterans by offering paid services for initial claims, reviews, and appeals.

CLAIMS PREDATORS TACTICS

- **Charging High Fees:** Predatory companies charge absurd fees or require Veterans to pay a portion of their VA benefits. Veterans should **never** pay anyone a fee to file an initial claim for benefits.
- **Making Dishonest Promises:** Veterans should never trust anyone who states they can help accelerate the claims process and obtain a 100% disability rating. Only VA has the authority to determine disability evaluations.
- **Requiring Contracts:** Veterans should never sign a contract agreeing to pay an individual or company a percentage of any benefits award in exchange for help with a VA initial claim for benefits.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

- If a Veteran suspects a representative acted unlawfully or unethically while assisting them in filing a VA benefits claim, they should immediately file a report at www.vsafe.gov or by calling **833-38V-SAFE**.
- If a Veteran misses a VA benefits payment, identifies a payment discrepancy, or finds suspicious activity with their direct deposit account, they should contact VA immediately at **800-827-1000**.

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