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**“SAFE FOR THE HOLIDAYS”**

**Webinar to Avoid Holiday Fraud and Scams**

**Washington, D.C.** – The Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau (CGB) of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), in partnership with the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), will host a webinar providing information to consumers about how to avoid fraud and scams that are prevalent during the holiday season on **Monday** **December 19, 2022 at 1:00 pm EST.**

During the holidays, fraudsters take advantage of the season to unleash scams aimed at unsuspecting consumers that are busier than usual. Staff from the FCC’s Consumer Affairs and Outreach Division and the FTC’s Division of Consumer and Business Education will share information about how to avoid scams when purchasing goods and services online through websites, unwanted robocalls and robotexts, charitable contributions schemes, and cellphone and email fraudulent activities.

The **Safe For The Holidays** webinar’s agenda on December 19 is as follows:

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| **1:00 PM** – Welcome and Event Introduction  **1:10 PM – 1:20 PM** | Sherry Dawson, Deputy Chief, FCC Consumer Affairs and Outreach Division, CGB |
| Unwanted Robocalls and Texts  **1:20 PM – 1:30 PM** | Anthony Butler, Consumer Outreach Specialist, FCC Consumer Affairs and Outreach Division, CGB |
| Cellphone and Email Fraud  **1:30 PM – 1:40 PM** | David Savolaine, Consumer Outreach Specialist, FCC Consumer Affairs and Outreach Division, CGB |
| Online Shopping Safety  **1:40 PM – 1:50 PM** | Jim Kreidler, FTC Division of Consumer and Business Education |
| Charitable Contributions and Scams | Andrew Rayo, FTC Division of Consumer and Business Education |
| **1:50 – 2:00 PM** – Event Conclusion and Closing | Lyle Ishida, Chief, Sherry Dawson, Deputy Chief, FCC Consumer Affairs and Outreach Division, CGB |

The webinar will be webcast at: www.fcc.gov/live. Open captioning will be provided for this event. Other reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Include a description of the accommodation you will need and tell us how to contact you if we need more information. Make your request as early as possible. Last minute requests will be accepted but may be impossible to fill. Send an e-mail to: [FCC504@fcc.gov](mailto:FCC504@fcc.gov) or call the Consumer and Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice).

**For More Information**

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