

PROJECT: SOLAR/GENERATOR/ INVERTER SCAMS

As loadshedding becomes progressively unstable, South Africans are forced to invest in alternative means of power supply.

It is essential to be on the lookout for scams associated with alternative energy sources. These scams target people interested in solar energy, generators, and inverters, aiming to exploit their desperation. It is therefore imperative that specialist organisations such as SSS, inform the public about the risk of being taken advantage of.

HOW TO AVOID THESE SCAMS

DO AN OVERALL AND COMPREHENSIVE VERIFICATION AND INVESTIGATION:

- Before engaging with any solar company or contractor, take the time to do a thorough investigation to ensure their legitimacy.
- Keep in mind the following:
 - Read reviews and ratings from reliable sources as well as social media platforms to get a sense of their reputation.

• Verify their physical address and contact information.

BE AWARE OF HIGH-PRESSURE SALES TACTICS:

- Solar scammers often use aggressive and high-pressure sales tactics to rush you into making impulsive decisions.
- Stay cautious and follow these suggestions:
 - Take your time to explore different solar options and gather multiple quotes.
 - Be sceptical of unsolicited salespeople or telemarketers who try to pressure you into an immediate purchase.
 - Be aware of Facebook Scams, advertising Solar Packages, Inverters or Generators.
 - Legitimate solar companies will give you time to make an informed decision without any rush.
 - Refrain from paying upfront deposits if you have not done a thorough investigation. You must be completely satisfied with the company/provider's legitimacy.

DO NOT FALL FOR UNREALISTIC PROMISES:

- Solar scammers may make impressive and striking claims to lure unsuspecting customers.
- Protect yourself by considering the following:
 - Be wary of promises like "guaranteed savings" or "zero upfront costs."
 - Legitimate companies provide estimates based on various factors and won't make extravagant guarantees.
 - If an offer sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Do research on market rates and compare them with the proposed savings or benefits.

REQUEST CREDENTIALS AND CERTIFICATIONS:

- To protect yourself from scams, request relevant credentials and certifications from any solar company or contractor you consider working with:
 - Check if the company is certified by relevant authorities, reputable organisations or has valid accreditations.
 - Enquire about the qualifications and training of their employees or installers.

UNDERSTANDING FINANCING OPTIONS:

- Scammers may exploit financing opportunities to deceive individuals.
- Stay cautious by considering the following:
 - Familiarize yourself with legitimate financing options available for solar installations.
 - Carefully read and understand any contracts or agreements before signing them.

IF YOU HAVE ANY DOUBTS OR CONCERNS, DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT THE SSS SPECIALIST INVESTIGATOR, MR WESLEY VOS:

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CONTACT MR MIKE BOLHUIS FOR ADVICE, RECOMMENDATIONS, SECURITY, PROTECTION, OR AN INVESTIGATION IF NEEDED.

ALL INFORMATION WILL BE TREATED WITH THE UTMOST PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY.

FORWARD THIS DOCUMENT TO EVERYBODY.

Regards,

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