

STOP SOLAR PANEL SALES FRAUD!

- 1. If a salesperson appears at your home without an appointment, **DO NOT LET THEM IN** if you are not prepared for a high-pressure sales pitch. **SOLAR PANELS ARE NOT FREE.**
- 2. Florida's Home Solicitation law only gives you until midnight of the third business day to cancel a contract you signed. TO CANCEL, you must deliver or postmark WRITTEN NOTICE of cancellation to the company with whom you did business. A PHONE CALL IS NOT SUFFICIENT!
- 3. DO NOT SIGN ANYTHING ON PAPER OR ELECTRONICALLY SIGN ON A TABLET OR PHONE unless you are ready to purchase solar panels. The salesperson may say you are only signing for a credit check or an estimate, but that is almost never the case.
- **4. VERBAL PROMISES DO NOT COUNT!** If what the salesperson told you about potential savings, tax rebates or tax credits is not in the written agreement, those promises are NOT part of the agreement. Ask for the **WRITTEN AGREEMENT** before you sign so you can read the whole agreement.
- **5.** If the salesperson spoke to you in a language other than English, get a copy of the written contract in **YOUR LANGUAGE.** Do not assume the salesperson translated the documents accurately.
- 6. If you don't pay income taxes, YOU DO NOT QUALIFY FOR A TAX REBATE OR A CREDIT.
- 7. Do the math! ARE YOU GOING TO SAVE MONEY? Even with solar panels, you will likely still have an electric bill, and you will definitely have monthly payments to the lender for 25-30 years.
- **8.** The Florida Attorney General's Office has investigated many solar panel companies and has already sued three of them MC Solar, Vision Solar, and SetUP -- because they received complaints from people like you.

See "Scam at a Glance: The Dark Side of Solar" at https://www.myfloridalegal.com/newsrelease/video-ag-moody-releases-scams-glance-dark-side-solar-during-national-consumer.

To reach the Florida Attorney General's Office, call 1-(866)-966-7226.

9. It is best to get legal advice **BEFORE YOU SIGN.** You can call the Florida Senior Legal Helpline for a **FREE** appointment with a lawyer at: (888)-895-7873. After you sign a valid contract, it can be difficult to cancel.



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