

## Links to Consumer Resources



Agency	Website Address	Resources	Telephone #
<b>Pinellas County Consumer Protection</b> 14250 49 <sup>th</sup> St., N. Suite 1000 Rm 2 Clearwater, FL 33762	<a href="http://www.pinellascounty.org/consumer">www.pinellascounty.org/consumer</a> <a href="http://www.pinellascounty.org">www.pinellascounty.org</a> (County home page)	Search the <b>complaint history</b> of a business or file a consumer complaint.	727-464-6200
<b>Better Business Bureau</b>	<a href="http://www.clearwater.bbb.org">www.clearwater.bbb.org</a>	Review <b>business reports</b> and information on charities.	727-535-5522
<b>Pinellas County Construction Licensing Board (PCCLB)</b>	<a href="http://www.pcclb.com">www.pcclb.com</a>	Verify that home improvement <b>contractors</b> are licensed to operate in Pinellas County.	727-582-3100
<b>Department of Business &amp; Professional Regulation (DBPR)</b>	<a href="http://www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr">www.myfloridalicense.com/dbpr</a> <a href="http://www.myflorida.com">www.myflorida.com</a> (State home page)	Search business and <b>professional licenses</b> including <b>contractors</b> , real estate agents and cosmetologist.	850-487-1395
<b>Department of State Division of Corporations</b>	<a href="http://www.sunbiz.org">www.sunbiz.org</a>	Search <b>corporation</b> records and <b>fictitious</b> names registrations.	
<b>Department of Financial Services</b>  •Office of Insurance Regulation  •Office of Financial Regulation	<a href="http://www.fldfs.com">www.fldfs.com</a> (home page) <a href="http://www.floir.com/companysearch">http://www.floir.com/companysearch</a> <a href="http://www.myfloridacfo.com/data/aar_alis1">http://www.myfloridacfo.com/data/aar_alis1</a> <a href="http://www.flofr.com">http://www.flofr.com</a> (home page) <a href="https://real.flofr.com/ConsumerServices/SearchLicensingRecords/Search.aspx">https://real.flofr.com/ConsumerServices/SearchLicensingRecords/Search.aspx</a>	Search license information on <b>insurance companies</b> and <b>insurance agents</b> .  Search information on mortgage brokers and other <b>finance</b> related licenses.	800-342-2762  850-487-9687
<b>Florida Department of Agriculture &amp; Consumer Services</b>  <b>Division of Consumer Services</b>	<a href="http://www.800helpfla.com">www.800helpfla.com</a>	Regulatory responsibility for Business Opportunities, <b>Motor Vehicle Repair Shops</b> , Charitable Organizations, Florida Do Not Call Program, Dance Studios, Pawnbrokers, Health Studios, Sellers of Travel, <b>Intrastate Movers</b> , Sweepstakes/Game Promotions and Telemarketing.	800-435-7352
<b>Florida Department of Health</b>	<a href="http://www.doh.state.fl.us">www.doh.state.fl.us</a> (home page) <a href="http://ww2.doh.state.fl.us/irm00praes/praslist.asp">http://ww2.doh.state.fl.us/irm00praes/praslist.asp</a>	Search license information on <b>doctors</b> and <b>health care</b> professionals.	888-419-3456

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<b>Federal Trade Commission (FTC)</b>	<a href="http://www.ftc.gov">www.ftc.gov</a>	Federal <b>consumer information</b> and enforcement. Consumer publications available online.	877-382-4357
	<a href="http://www.DoNotCall.gov">www.DoNotCall.gov</a>	Reduce telemarketing calls by signing up for the <b>National Do Not Call Registry</b> .	888-382-1222
	<a href="http://www.annualcreditreport.com">www.annualcreditreport.com</a>	Order <b>free</b> annual <b>credit report</b> from each of the three nationwide consumer credit reporting companies.	877-322-8228
	<a href="http://www.ftc.gov/idtheft">www.ftc.gov/idtheft</a>	Resources and information on <b>Identity Theft</b> .	877-438-4338
	<a href="http://www.OnGuardOnline.gov">www.OnGuardOnline.gov</a>	Interactive information to help you <b>secure your computer</b> , guard against <b>Internet fraud</b> , and protect your personal information.  <b>"OPT-OUT"</b> of receiving pre-screened <b>credit card offers</b> in the mail.	888-567-8688
<b>Direct Marketing Association</b>	<a href="http://www.dmachoice.org">www.dmachoice.org</a>  <a href="http://www.the-dma.org">www.the-dma.org</a> (home page)	<b>DMA choice</b> is an online tool to help control and limit the amount of unsolicited commercial mail and email received.	
<b>Florida Department of Corrections</b>	<a href="http://www.dc.state.fl.us">www.dc.state.fl.us</a>  (offender search)	Information on <b>felony</b> offenders in prison and on probation.	
<b>Pinellas My Neighborhoods</b>	<a href="http://www.pinellascounty.org/resident">www.pinellascounty.org/resident</a>	Residents can look up information on <b>community resources</b> and crime in their neighborhood.	
<b>Clerk of the Circuit Court Pinellas County</b>	<a href="https://public.co.pinellas.fl.us/login/loginx.jsp">https://public.co.pinellas.fl.us/login/loginx.jsp</a>  <a href="http://www.pinellasclerk.org">www.pinellasclerk.org</a> (home page)	Online public records search for <b>Official Records, Civil</b> and <b>Criminal</b> information. Clerk's <b>Legal Self Help Centers</b> .	