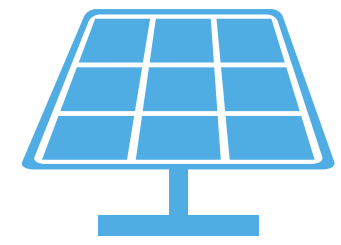


# WATCH OUT FOR SOLAR AND HOME IMPROVEMENT SCAMS!



California homeowners are being targeted by scammers who falsely promise energy savings and cheap solar installation or other home improvements. They are left owing thousands of dollars in loans or tax liens (aka PACE or HERO) for overpriced, incomplete, or faulty work.

## WARNING SIGNS!

Your contractor:



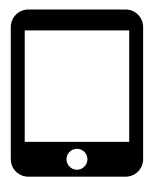
Sold home improvements by calling you or coming to your door.



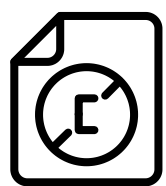
Told you home improvements were free, low cost, approved for a loan or would give you huge tax or energy savings.



Told you to sign documents quickly, before you could read or understand them.



Had you sign documents electronically or online.



Did not give a copy of the home improvement contract, loan, or PACE lien documents.



Took out loans or tax liens for your home improvements.

## THERE IS HELP AVAILABLE

*If you owe money on a loan or tax lien because of home improvement fraud, you might qualify for FREE legal aid:*

Sonoma County:

**Legal Aid of Sonoma County**

707-542-1290



Alameda County:

**East Bay Community Law Center**

510-548-4040, x388



Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, Santa Clara and San Mateo:

**Bay Area Legal Aid**

510-250-5266



*If a contractor has taken advantage of you, file a complaint with:*

**California Contractors State License Board**

*cslb.ca.gov 1-800-321-CSLB (2752)*