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Don't Get Shocked by Bogus Power Savers!

Las Vegas – Consumers looking to save money on their home energy costs may fall victim to scammers selling bogus power savers.

The Fight Fraud Taskforce is warning consumers to be wary of ads offering products that supposedly help consumers save 20 or 30 percent on their heating bills. Unsuspecting consumers have paid hundreds of dollars for products that appear to be energy-saving adapters which plug into your power outlet. In reality, these devices do nothing but separate you from your money while taking up an available outlet.

Always be suspicious of products that promise dramatic energy savings. Research the company online for complaints. Also, be sure to check with your local power provider and the Better Business Bureau before buying any questionable items.

There are several legitimate ways to save money on energy costs.

- Weather-strip your exterior doors.
 - Caulking and tightening loose window panels helps to keep warm air in and cool air out.
 - Replace the filter in your heating system regularly to maintain its efficiency.
 - Make sure that heater vents aren't blocked to ensure proper circulation.
 - For windows facing the sun, open your drapes during the day. Then, close all your drapes at night to keep the warmth in.
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- Adjust the thermostat to slightly lower temperatures at night or when you're away from home. Better yet, use a programmable thermostat.

About the Fight Fraud Taskforce

The Fight Fraud Taskforce is a consumer protection coalition comprised of state and municipal agencies and private sector specialists. The Taskforce maintains the consumer protection website <http://fightfraud.nv.gov>, which includes extensive tips on how to prevent fraud and provides downloadable complaint forms to help you respond effectively if you become a victim.

The Taskforce also hosts free seminars about fraud and deceptive trade through the library system, senior centers, and community group meetings. Those seminars are listed on the events page of the website at <http://fightfraud.nv.gov/calendar.htm>.

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