
TTY: (877) 766-8533
Fax: (877) 888-2520
Website: www.federalreserveconsumerhelp.gov
Email: ConsumerHelp@FederalReserve.Gov

State-chartered banks, including state savings banks that are not members of the Federal Reserve System, are supervised by their state banking regulator and their primary federal regulator:

Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

Consumer Response Center
2345 Grand Boulevard
Suite 100
Kansas City, MO 64108-2638
Phone: (877) 275-3342
Hearing Impaired: (800) 925-4618
Website: www.fdic.gov
Email: consumeralerts@fdic.gov

Finance companies, mortgage companies and a broad range of other companies, are subject to state regulatory authority and their primary federal regulator:

Federal Trade Commission

Consumer Response Center
600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20580
Phone: (877) 382-4357
TTY: (866) 653-4261
Website: www.ftc.gov

Federally-insured credit unions (credit unions with "federal" in the name) are supervised by:

National Credit Union Administration

1775 Duke Street, Suite 4206
Alexandria, VA 22314-3428
Phone: (800) 755-1030
Website: www.ncua.gov

Non-federally-insured state credit unions are supervised by their state regulator. A list of states that have non-federally-insured state credit unions is available on the National Credit Union Administration's website.

National banks (banks with "national" in the name or N.A. after the name) are supervised by:

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

Customer Assistance Group
1301 McKinney Street,
Suite 3450
Houston, TX 77010
Phone: (800) 613-6743
TDD: (713) 658-0340
Fax: (713) 336-4301
Website: HelpWithMyBank.gov

There are many resources available to consumers who have a complaint against a financial institution. Knowing where to start when you are unable to resolve a concern with your institution can be a challenge. The Office of Thrift Supervision hopes this information is a helpful tool.

Office of Thrift Supervision Department of the Treasury



How to File a Consumer Complaint

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If you have a complaint against a thrift institution (or savings association), the Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS) may be able to help. The OTS is an office of the Department of the Treasury that regulates and supervises the nation's thrift industry. The OTS's mission is to ensure the safety and soundness of thrift institutions and their compliance with consumer protection laws. The OTS also supports the important role thrift institutions play as home mortgage lenders and providers of other forms of community credit and financial services. Additionally, the OTS oversees the activities and operations of thrift operating subsidiaries and holding companies that own or control thrift institutions.

What You Should Do

First, try to resolve the problem directly with the institution by contacting senior management or the institution's consumer affairs department.

If you are unable to resolve your complaint directly, mail your written, signed complaint to OTS Consumer Response Center, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW, Washington, DC 20552. To expedite the processing of your complaint, your correspondence should include the following information:

- ◆ A description of the complaint, indicating what happened, the dates involved, and the names of individuals that you dealt with at the institution
- ◆ Your name, home address, e-mail address, telephone number, date and your signature

- ◆ The institution's full name and address
- ◆ The type of account (e.g., checking, savings, certificate of deposit, money market, credit card) and account numbers, if applicable
- ◆ Copies (not originals) of relevant correspondence or documents

What We Will Do

OTS will investigate complaints against thrift institutions. Complaints are reviewed to ensure compliance with federal consumer protection laws and regulations, including those that prohibit discrimination. Complaints alleging discrimination in residential real estate loans are covered by the Fair Housing Act and are shared with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

First, we will send you an acknowledgement letter that will include the case number assigned to your complaint. You should reference this number if you contact us with questions regarding your complaint. Next, we will contact the institution to investigate the issues raised in your complaint and to request a written response. OTS staff will analyze the institution's response to ensure that your concerns have been addressed. You will then be provided a written response to your complaint, generally within 60 days. The OTS will inform you of any violations of federal consumer protection laws or regulations and any corrective action an institution has been directed to take.

Although the OTS handles complaints involving the institutions we regulate, please be aware that the OTS does not have the authority to resolve contractual disputes, undocumented factual dis-

putes between a customer and a savings institution, or disagreements about institution policies and procedures that are a matter of management discretion and are not addressed by federal laws and regulations. In such cases, the institution may work with you directly to reach resolution. However, we may advise you to obtain legal counsel regarding your rights to resolve the matter.

How To Reach Us

You may contact the OTS Consumer Response Center at the address below:

Office of Thrift Supervision
Consumer Response Center
1700 G Street, NW
Washington, DC 20552

Hours of Operation:
Monday-Friday, 8:00am-5:30pm Eastern Time

Phone: 1-800-842-6929
TTY: 1-800-877-8339
Fax: 1-202-906-7342
Website: www.ots.treas.gov
E-mail: consumer.complaint@ots.treas.gov

If your complaint involves an institution not regulated by the OTS, please contact one of the following agencies described below.

State-chartered banks that are members of the Federal Reserve System are supervised by their state banking regulator and their primary federal regulator:

Federal Reserve Consumer Help

P.O.Box 1200
Minneapolis, MN 55480
Phone: (888) 851-1920
