

Investor Bulletin: 10 Ways to Use Investor.gov

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<u>Learn How to Help Avoid Investment</u> <u>Fraud</u>

Learn about common types of investment fraud, including those found online and in social media, and simple steps to avoid these scams.

Learn How Markets Work

Get the basics on how stocks are traded, including information on types of orders, types of brokerage accounts, and executing an order.

Educate Yourself About Investment Products

Understand different investment products, such as <u>stocks</u>, <u>bonds</u>, and <u>mutual funds</u> -- and learn what <u>questions to ask before investing</u>.

Access Investor Alerts and Bulletins

Investor.gov features timely and topical <u>Investor Alerts</u>, <u>Investor Bulletins</u>, <u>Twitter feeds</u> and selected <u>SEC press releases</u>, describing a wide variety of investing-related topics and news.

Use Our Roadmap to Saving and Investing

Use this interactive roadmap to define your investing goals, figure out your finances, and learn about investment options, with useful tips and fact-filled stops along the way.

Review Investing-Related Publications & Research Studies

Find a variety of publications and research studies on a wide range of investing-related topics from the SEC's Office of Investor Education and Advocacy.

<u>Learn How to Choose and Work With</u> <u>Investment Professionals</u>

Read about choosing and working with <u>brokers</u> and <u>investment advisers</u>, including how to check out brokerage firms, individual brokers, and investment advisory firms.

Access EDGAR, the SEC's Online Database of Company Filings

Find and use the information that companies offering stocks, bonds, or other securities for sale to the public must provide to investors. Get tips on how to read public company filings, including the annual report on Form 10-K and the Current Report on Form 8-K.

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Plan for Retirement

Learn about retirement plans. Explore a wealth of information about retirement topics such as <u>managing</u> <u>lifetime income</u>, <u>avoiding retirement fraud</u> and <u>understanding senior specialists designations</u>.

<u>Calculate the Impact of Financial Decisions</u>

Find the tools to help you <u>calculate your net worth</u>, determine whether you are <u>on track for retirement</u>, estimate your <u>future social security benefits</u>, and find your required minimum distributions for <u>401(k)</u> and <u>IRA plans</u>. You can also find resources to help you understand the <u>fees associated with mutual funds</u> and analyze <u>529 college savings plan expenses</u>.

