

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MD - DISABILITY NETWORK DIRECTORY

Consumer Protection

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Aviation Consumer Protection Division U. S. Department of Transportation

Attn: C-75-D

1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE

Washington, DC 20590

202-366-4000 (Customer Service Hotline)

202-366-2220 (V)

1-800-877-8339 (TTY)

www.transportation.gov/airconsumer

Hotline Hours: 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST, Monday through Friday. Reviews and responds to consumer complaints and promotes awareness and understanding of consumer rights through online consumer information and education. Before you contact DOT for help with an air travel problem, you should give the airline a chance to resolve it. Airlines have trouble-shooters at the airports, usually called Customer Service Representatives, who can take care of many problems on the spot. If you can't resolve the problem at the airport, you may want to file a complaint with the airline. DOT requires airlines to acknowledge consumer complaints within 30 days of receiving them and to send consumers written responses addressing these complaints within 60 days of receiving them (30 days for disability related complaints). DOT also requires airlines to let consumers know how to complain to them. If you feel that the airline does not resolve the issue to your satisfaction, you may want to file a complaint with DOT. You may also file a complaint with DOT if you feel that you experienced unlawful discriminatory treatment in air travel by airline employees or the airline's contractors on the basis of disability or on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, or ancestry. You can download a complaint form online and mail in or fill out the online travel complaint form. Hotline provides general information to consumers about the rights of air travelers with disabilities and responds to requests for printed consumer information. It also assists air travelers with time-sensitive disability-related issues that need to be addressed in "real time."

Better Business Bureau (BBB) of the Greater Mid-Atlantic Region

1411 K Street, NW, 10th Floor

Washington, DC 20005

202-393-8000 (V)

E-mail: info@mybbb.org

www.bbb.org/us/dc/washington

Hours: Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST. Provide complaint filing services that relate to marketplace issues experienced with the services or products a business provides, general monitoring of advertising in the marketplace, dispute resolution services and consumer/business education programs. Information and services are provided at no cost to the public with the exception of mediation and arbitration services. Serving Metro Washington, DC, Metro Philadelphia, and Eastern Pennsylvania.

Maryland Attorney General

Consumer Protection Division

410-528-8662 (Consumer Hotline)

1-888-743-0023 (Consumer Hotline)

E-mail: consumer@oag.state.md.us

1-877-261-8807 (Medical Billing/Health Insurance)

E-mail: heau@oag.state.md.us

www.marylandattorneygeneral.gov/Pages/CPD/default.aspx

Mediation services to consumers to help resolve complaints against businesses and health billing issues. The Division can also provide information about complaints that have been filed against businesses, tell you if your new home builder or health club is properly registered and provide publications to help you make good decisions in the marketplace. You can file a complaint with the Consumer Protection Division either online or by filling out and mailing a consumer complaint form.

Maryland Consumer Rights Coalition (MCRC)

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Statewide coalition of individuals and organizations that advances economic rights and financial inclusion through research, education, advocacy, direct service, and community organizing. Working at the local, state and federal level, MCRC unites individual consumer advocates, poverty and consumer organizations, and grassroots members to press for policies that protect vulnerable Marylanders. Also educate individuals on consumer issues and consumer rights, advocate for consumer interests, study critical consumer issues, and build the consumer movement throughout Maryland. Coalition includes more than 7,000 supporters along with partner groups including Civil Justice, AARP Maryland, the Maryland CASH Campaign, Maryland PIRG, the Job Opportunities Task Force, and the Maryland Alliance for the Poor.

Montgomery County Office of Consumer Protection

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240-777-3636 (V)
240-777-3681 (24/7 Anonymous Consumer Tip Line)
E-mail:
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www.montgomerycountymd.gov/ocp

Responsible for enforcing consumer protection laws prohibiting unfair and deceptive business acts to ensure a fair marketplace for consumers and businesses. Investigates and resolves consumer complaints and engage in consumer education and outreach. Online complaint filing system: http://montgomerycountymd.gov/ocp/consumer/filing_complaints.html. License motor vehicle repair and towing; new home builders; radio, television and appliance installation and repair; and secondhand personal property.