

COMMODITIES FRAUD: A SERIOUS PROBLEM

Only a few cases make the news, but the CFTC's data shows that commodities and other fraud is a huge problem.



AT LEAST **30,000** VICTIMS FROM 2010 TO 2013



OVER **\$1 BILLION** LOST FROM 2010 TO 2013

BUYERS BEWARE

Fraud happens in a variety of markets regulated by the CFTC including Forex, Precious Metals and Commodity Pools.



Foreign Currencies
FOREX








Precious Metals



Commodity Pools

WHO GETS TAKEN?

It's not who you think. Experienced investors are the ones most commonly being defrauded.

- Married Male 
- Age 50-65
- College Educated 
- Nest Egg
- Financially Literate 
- Open to High-Risk Investments
- Belongs to Religious or Professional Group 
- Unlikely to Check Broker Background
- Recent Change in Financial or Health Status 



YET, LARGELY PREVENTABLE



Fraudsters are typically

UNREGISTERED

Before you invest, check the background of your financial professional at SmartCheck.gov.

FIGHTING BACK

If you suspect fraud, report it at SmartCheck.gov.



OVER **1,400** INVESTIGATIONS OPENED FROM 2010 TO 2013



OVER **300** ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS FROM 2010 TO 2013

There's smart. And then there's



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