

GENERAL ADVICE**Work-at-Home Offers**

Work at home job opportunities appear in newspapers, mailings, national magazines, and on the Internet everyday. The common thread is the promise of sizeable weekly or monthly income by working only a few hours, and no experience needed. Promotions refer to work like reading books, envelope stuffing, and medical billing.

Some advertisers allege you can earn money by making or assembling handi-craft items. The promoter alleges that they have a very large market for the items and will guarantee to purchase from you all the items you produce, as long as it meets their quality standards.

BBB experience has shown that you may have to buy needed materials from the promoter, that craft items take longer to assemble than represented, and that allegedly extensive or guaranteed markets for what you produce will not materialize. Furthermore, our experience shows that you will not receive a genuine opportunity to do work for the income presented in the ad.

In some cases you may only end up receiving for a fee instructions telling you to place similar ads in other publications that carry ads for work at home opportunities. The U.S postal inspection service regularly investigates fraudulent work at home schemes, and you risk investigation and possible prosecution by postal or other law enforcement agencies if you become involved in one of these schemes.

Work at home promotions generally make money only for the promoters, not for people who respond to them. Promises of profits for easy work requiring no experience should be regarded with extreme caution. Work at home offers can cost money, time, and effort with little or no income being generated except for the promoter.

Before making any purchase, always be sure to obtain a BBB report as part of your decision making process.