



Valdez Native Tribe Victims Services Program Celebrates
National Consumer Protection Week

March 1- 6th

Looking to protect yourself from fraud, identity theft, and scams? Maybe you're wondering about the best way to use credit, what to do before renting a house/apartment, or maximize your security online.

Valdez Native Tribe Victims Services Program (VNTVSP) has information for you during National Consumer Protection Week — **March 1-6, 2021** — and any time of the year.

During National Consumer Protection week Valdez Native Tribe Victims Services Program will be posting daily consumer protection information on VNT Facebook page that will give you the necessary tools and resources to teach you how to protect yourself against different forms of scams and frauds.

Visit, <http://www.consumer.ftc.gov> to learn how to learn more about consumer protection.

Contact

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24/7 Crisis Hotline
(907) 835 - 1144

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victims_services@valdeztribe.org

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PO Box 1634 Valdez, AK 99686

1 Notify local law enforcement

This will enable you to obtain a police report, which could possibly help you recoup your losses. It will also allow law enforcement to begin their investigation promptly. At the very least, your notifying law enforcement will allow them to issue proper warnings about the ploy to others.

2 Notify your financial institutions

If you provided a scammer with your bank information or they were able to steal funds from your account, you need to contact your financial institution(s) immediately. Depending on the situation, your bank will help you determine the best course of action. This could include getting a new account number, a new credit/debit card, stopping payment on a check or possibly rescinding a wire transfer.

5 Business or Agency

If the scammer used the identity of a legitimate business or government agency, you should contact them as well. These entities are often the last to know that their names and reputations are being used to swindle people. To help others from falling victim to the scam, the affected business or agency will usually notify patrons and post a warning on their website.



3 The Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

The FTC is the national clearinghouse for consumer complaints. They use the information from callers like you to create public warnings. Because the FTC is familiar with many different types of scams, they may also be able to provide you with information on your rights and additional steps you can take to mitigate the situation. You can report a scam or an instance of fraud on the FTC Complaint website <https://reportfraud.ftc.gov>

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Alaska Department of Law Consumer Protection Unit

The Consumer Protection Unit of the Attorney General's Office enforces Alaska's consumer protection laws, which are aimed at preventing unfair or deceptive trade practices. Most people, at some point in their lives, will encounter an unscrupulous salesperson, purchase a defective or unsafe product, or will simply feel like they have been taken advantage of.

Consumer Protection Unit
907-269-5200
Toll free outside Anchorage
1-888-576-2529

If you or someone you know is a **victim of a scam or fraud**, report to
The Federal Trade Commission at <https://reportfraud.ftc.gov>.

Important Dates

Daylight Savings Time (Spring Ahead)

MARCH 14

Victims Services Gathering Circle

MARCH 17

Chenega Day - Office Closed

MARCH 26

Palm Sunday

MARCH 28

Seward's Day - Office Closed

MARCH 29



Gathering Circle

March 17, 2021

6-8 pm

Join us on VNT Facebook Live in honor of **Chenega Day** as Larry and Gail Evanoff share the story of how Chenega Day came to be and their own personal stories and experiences of living in Chenega.



24/7 Crisis Hotline

(907) 835-1144

- You need someone to talk to
- You need information & resources
- You don't know what to do next
- You are a victim of a crime of trauma
- You are a family member of a victim

AVV Prevention Program is offering...

Girls on the Run at Home!

This is a FREE program for girls! 3rd-5th grade

Get moving, laughing, and learning!

Contact AVV Prevention Coordinator, Amber Major for more information!
Prevention@AVVAlaska.org
Advocates for Victims of Violence
AVV Phone: (907) 835-2980
AVV Fax: (907) 835-2981



March 29 – April 2, 2021

The 2021 OJJDP Tribal Virtual National Conference: Shaping Brighter Futures With American Indian, Alaska Native Youth and Tribal Communities; Strengthening Resilience, Promoting Healing, Restoring Culture is a **free** five-day virtual conference open to everyone! The conference is presented in partnership with the Tribal Law and Policy Institute, The Resource Basket, National Native Children's Trauma Center, and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

For more information go to:

tribalyouthprogram.org

(if you need help registering contact (907) 835-8069)

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