# How we can help you

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## Consumer Affairs Victoria

We help business and consumers by:

* **informing** the community about consumer and business rights and responsibilities
* **helping to resolve** disputes about building, renting and real estate
* **registering and licensing** businesses and occupations
* **enforcing and ensuring compliance** with Victorian and national consumer laws.

## Online advice

Visit the [**Consumer Affairs Victoria website**](https://www.consumer.vic.gov.au) <consumer.vic.gov.au> for advice on:

### Building and renovating

Building, renovating, contracts, domestic building insurance, owner builders

### Business licensing and regulation

Conveyancers, debt collectors, estate agents, funeral providers, introduction agents, motor car traders, owners corporation managers, second-hand dealers and pawnbrokers, sex work service providers

### Buying and selling property

Preparing to buy or sell, estate agents, auctions, private sales, contracts, inspections, conveyancing, settlement

### Clubs and not-for-profits

Incorporated associations, fundraisers, patriotic funds

### Motor cars

Buying a new or used car, cooling-off periods, licensed motor car traders, warranties, repairs

### Owners corporations

Owners corporation managers, committees, meetings, maintenance, rules, complaints

### Product safety

Banned products, safety standards, product recalls

### Renting

Leases, bonds, repairs, inspections, rent increases, property management, rooming houses, caravan parks, movable dwellings

### Retirement villages

Choosing a retirement village, contracts, fees and charges, rules, disputes, governance and committees

### Scams

Online scams, small business scams, travelling con men, report a scam

### Shopping

Refunds, warranties, lay-bys, contracts, door-to-door sales, telemarketing, online shopping

### Small business

Consumer protection for small business

## Online services

Visit the [**Consumer Affairs Victoria website**](https://www.consumer.vic.gov.au) <consumer.vic.gov.au> to:

* find information on renting
* learn about the Australian Consumer Law and consumer guarantees
* look up licensed and registered businesses
* report a scam or an unlicensed motor car trader
* raise your concerns about a rooming house
* manage your incorporated association with a myCAV account.
* download forms and publications
* find out about our regional mobile service
* keep up to date with our news and events page.

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