



Fraud Alert!

Watch Out for Free Seminar Scams!

You've likely received it, an invitation to attend a, "once-in-a-lifetime," financial seminar that promises to share wealth-creating secrets that will serve you for years to come.

Included in the package are two tickets valued at \$149 each!

The offers may have to do with buying real estate well below market value, cutting capital gains taxes, lowering your tax bill or retiring early with additional cash flow.

If it sounds too good to be true, it probably isn't true!

If you end up in the room at one of these free seminars, here are some things to keep in mind to help you determine if it's the real deal.

- 1. Don't be afraid to ask questions.** If the person you're dealing with avoids your questions, walk away.
- 2. Ask for a no-strings, money-back satisfaction guarantee.** Get this in writing and decline any sales presentation that pressures you to buy now or regret later.
- 3. Be aware that in most cases, the presenter is promoting products and services that are for sale.** These seminars can also be a marketing device to enroll people in costly follow-up trainings.
- 4. Stay away from investments that promise to double your money in a brief timeframe.** As we've said before, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably isn't true.
- 5. Check the track record of every investment you consider.** You can always call the Better Business Bureau to check for information on a specific company.
- 6. Trust your gut.** If it doesn't feel right, don't sign, agree, act on, pay or accept any financial transaction without further investigation.

For more information, feel free to contact the Mountain States Better Business Bureau at (970) 686-7722 or 800-564-0371.

**Contact your local police agency if you think you are a victim of a crime.
To contact the Weld County District Attorney's Office, call (970) 356-4010 ext. 4722.**