

Financial Literacy
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National Consumer Protection Week
March 2-8, 2008

Kenneth Walker, Postal Inspector, Paul J. Schlaver, Executive Director, Cambridge Consumers' Council, and members of the Cambridge Postal team will host a **consumer awareness event** on Thursday, March 6, 2008 in Cambridge. They'll offer tips to avoid becoming a victim of identity theft, and distribute information warning against fraudulent financial schemes.

Members of the community are invited to the awareness event at the Cambridge Post Office **at 770 Massachusetts Avenue, from 10:00 am through Noon on Thursday, March 6, 2008.** The event is meant to draw attention to issues and ideas that help Americans avoid fraud and identity theft.

This event is part of the ongoing efforts of the USPS Office of Consumer Advocate, the U.S. Postal Inspection Service, and the Cambridge Consumers' Council to educate consumers about fraudulent schemes and identity theft and to provide tools and information needed to combat fake check frauds. USPS urges its customers to go to <http://www.FakeChecks.org>, established by the Inspection Service, to warn citizens about financial scams. National Consumer Protection Week began March 2 and lasts through March 8. NCPW partner organizations will provide practical – and tactical – tips so consumers can learn how to make well-informed financial decisions, avoid credit scams, and protect their personal information. Consumers can boost their financial IQ by visiting <http://www.consumer.gov/ncpw> further information on NCPW is also available on <http://www.mass.gov>