

CONSUMER NEWS

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Alameda Co. Consumer Affairs Commission

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News in Brief

Learn About Legal Assistance for Seniors from Its 2023-24 Impact Report

In the year ending June 2024, Legal Assistance for Seniors (LAS) served nearly 13,800 people across Alameda County with legal services, Medicare counseling, and community education on housing, healthcare, and financial stability. In the [LAS Impact Report](#), learn about LAS's work and capacity to scale as it approaches a 50th anniversary.

Student Loan Experts Will Break Down Latest Changes to Income-Driven Repayment Plans

If you have school-age children or young adults in your life, find out about recent changes to Income-Driven Repayment plans and their affect on student loan financing. The Institute of Student Loan Advisors and the Calif. Dept. of Financial Protection and Innovation will host a [free webinar](#) June 26 at 12 p.m.



How Do Smartphones, Wi-Fi Routers and Mobile Phone Masts Affect Your Health?

The Polish Institute of Civil Affairs recently published an [interview with Joel Moskowitz](#), director of UC Berkeley's Center for Family and Community Health, on electromagnetic radiation. Find out about the most important scientific studies on electrosmog and similarities between telecom and tobacco.



Food and Drug Admin. Warns of Salmonella From Cucumbers Recalled by Florida Grower

Consumers are advised to [be extra cautious with cucumbers](#) in the wake of a salmonella outbreak that has caused at least 45 illnesses and 16 hospitalizations. Contaminated cucumbers from Bedner Growers were distributed nationwide, including at Target stores.

Former Surgeon General Calls for Warning Labels on Social Media

In a recent interview with the NBC News show "Meet the Press," Vivek Murthy, who served as Surgeon General in the Biden and Obama administrations, urged Congress to take action to protect children's mental health from the effects of social media. See [an 11-minute segment from his interview](#) on the NBC News website.

July 19 Safe Kids Day at Oakland Coliseum & Arena

Join the Alameda County Emergency Medical Services Agency and local health and wellness organizations for a free children's safety fair, a children's helmet giveaway, bounce houses, face painting, and more. Vendors and volunteers wanted. Click to view the event flyer in [English](#), [Spanish](#), and [Chinese](#), and the [vendor flyer](#).

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