FALSE/UNSUBSTANTIATED CLAIMS ABOUT ATTRIBUTES OF PRODUCTS/SERVICES & PRESSURE SALES TACTICS

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False/unsubstantiated claims on performance, benefits and qualities of products/services:

Such claims would:



Mislead consumers on the results, effects or benefits of products/services.



Induce consumers to purchase products/services, and/or pay a premium.

Businesses should:



Ensure that claims about products/services are substantiated with objective, verifiable and reliable evidence.



Always provide clear and accurate information to consumers.

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Make clear any disclaimers about products/services.

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Pressure sales tactics:

Such tactics would:



Overwhelm or intimidate consumers.



Compel consumers to purchase out of fear or confusion.

Businesses should not:



Exert pressure on the consumer to push for a sale.



Promote products/services to consumers in circumstances when they are unable to comprehend or respond clearly.

FOR CONSUMERS



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Be wary of exaggerated or dubious claims and refuse any products/services with such claims.



Conduct research on products/services before committing to a purchase decision.



Firmly say 'No' and walk away from pressure selling and aggressive sales tactics.



Consider patronising CaseTrust accredited businesses which are committed to fair trading practices and transparency to consumers.



For more information on unfair trade practices under the Consumer Protection (Fair Trading) Act, visit www.cccs.gov.sg