



Herbalife Distributor Testimonials
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Source: <http://www.theworkathomewoman.com/deceptive-work-at-home-pinterest/>
From: Holly Reism Hanna

Deceptive Work at Home Opportunities Being Promoted on Popular Social Networks Like Pinterest



Just the other day I was pinning away on Pinterest, when I saw this pin with the title, “love working from home”. Curious as to what it was, I clicked on it and immediately knew that something looked fishy.

A couple of years ago, there was a work at home scam called Easy Google Profits, where fake newspaper articles were placed, touting how a regular stay-at-home mom was making thousands of dollars a month with this easy marketing system. Over time Google caught wind that this fraudulent company was using their good name to promote their scam and later sued them, and with that the scam seemed to go away.

Again today articles are being placed on look alike sites, like CNBC and USA Times telling the story of how Patricia Feeney is making \$7,000 a month using an easy Online Business System, working just a few hours a week. The article is made to look like an actual newspaper article, but in reality it is just an advertisement for this Online Business System. It even pulls your IP address so that it looks like Patricia Feeney is from your hometown, making her seem even more real.

Whenever you click over to the Online Business System, you come to a landing page asking for your name, email address, home address, and phone number. At the bottom of the page in fine print it says, “The earnings of the individuals are not necessarily representative of the income, if any, that you can or will earn through your participation in this method. The incomes depicted are representative of some of the most successful participants and the majority of individuals earn less. These figures should not be considered as guarantees or projections of your actual earnings or profits. Your success in this method results only from successful sales efforts, which require hard work, desire, diligence, leadership and personal talent”.

And at the very bottom of the page it says, “Copyright © 2012 Centurion Media Group. Business Method presented is an online method of operating an Herbalife International ® independent

distributorship”. While Centurion Media Group is a lead generation agency who is apparently working with Herbalife (a direct sales company), I’m not exactly sure what this opportunity is for. I have read different accounts online, one saying that the opportunity is for Herbalife, and another saying that it’s basically a package to tell you how to sell others this same system (kind of like the envelope stuffing scam). What I do know, it that know that I don’t like being purposely deceived.

What red flags should you watch out for with work at home opportunities?

- Vague job descriptions
- Lack of contact information
- High payouts with little or no work
- Poor ratings on the Better Business Bureau website
- Deceptive marketing practices
- Boasting fake affiliations and partnerships

While I can’t say for sure what this opportunity is, I do find it suspicious that they used Patricia Feeney as their subject, as her name was used back in 2010 to promote the Easy Google Profit scam. In fact Jay over at Bizchoice Review wrote about it back in 2010 saying, “This is just the work of an unethical affiliate marketer who just wants to make some cash instead of genuinely helping people find solutions to their problems”.

Here are a few of the variations of the opportunity:

<http://www.theustimestoday.org/>

<http://home-wealth-formula.blogspot.com>

<http://cnbc.com-1.be/m/?Article27563&s=6u>

One last note, I’ve seen this deceptive work at home opportunity being promoted on Pinterest a lot. I’ve even heard that individual’s accounts are being hacked and that these work at home images are a product of the hackings. I’m not sure if this is fact or rumor, but make sure you take extra precautions to ensure that your account is secure. Here is a great article to help you do so.

Have you seen this deceptive work at home opportunity being promoted on Pinterest? What are your thoughts?

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Source: <http://getoutofdebt.org/44999/incomeathome-com-review-is-the-commercial-a-scam>

From: Steve Rhode

Date: August, 15, 2012

IncomeAtHome.com Review. Is the Commercial Hype Really a Herbalife Scam?

I was just sitting here enjoying my lunch and a commercial for IncomeAtHomeTC.com came on. These types of commercials always get my attention. Typically they make unreasonable claims and promote results most people won't achieve.

So let's take a closer look at the commercial.

It begins with a woman who is identified as Jill, a success coach. We never learn Jill's full name to verify she has a track record of being whatever a success coach is.

Okay, I'll play along, Jill says the first question you will be asked is, "How much money do you need to make each month"? Jill says the company is IncomeAtHome.com but on the screen it says it is IncomeAtHomeTV.com.



Jill introduces Karen, a depressed looking worried woman. In incredibly fine and almost illegible print it says on the screen that the testimonials are from their most successful and portrayed by professional actors.

Karen says she had four teenagers at home and living payday to payday. There is a set of Karen and her actor husband sitting on the couch and tossing bills in the air.



By the third month the actor says Karen was banking more than \$2,600 a month. Now they are smiling. What Karen doesn't say is what her expenses were to create that income. It's not disclosed how much profit, if any, she made.

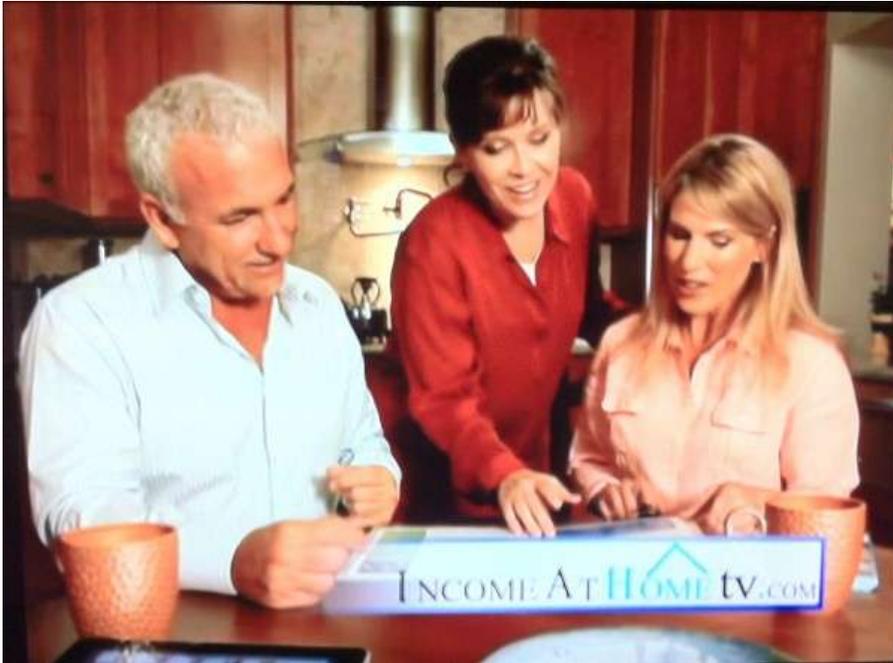
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Jill says, "Listen, this isn't selling soap or energy water to your friends. This is a real business." Slam!

But wait to you find out what kind of business opportunity offer this is.

Makes it all the funnier.



Viewers are encouraged to call and get connected with a success coach.

Viewers are shown a screen that says “As Heard on: Dr. Laura” and risk free statements.



The graphic says this is a multibillion dollar company with a A+ Rating. Jill says they have a AAA rating. Which is it? They also don't say who the company is or who the rating is from. Red Flags!



They then urge people to visit IncomeAtHome.com for a chance to win \$1,000. At the bottom of that screen they say:

Fictional dramatization by professional actors

So which is it, are the testimonials real or fictional? It seems the fine print shows conflicting information.

There is information out there about this “business opportunity.” One site in particular has a lot of information online. See IncomeAtHomeExposed.com.

The IncomeAtHome.com website shows a number of people that were paid to endorse this product. The site lists Dr. Laura, Sean Hannity, Shirley Strawberry, George Noory, and Mike Gallagher. – Source

The site provides a disclaimer on income:

The earnings of the individuals are not necessarily representative of the income, if any, that you can or will earn through your participation in this method. The incomes depicted are

representative of some of the most successful participants and the majority of individuals earn less. – Source

If you dig a little deeper in their website you can find an income disclosure statement. The statement seems to not include the average person and is instead focused on the 25% of distributors that reach the rank of supervisor and above. – Source

ACTIVE LEADERS				
Earning Level	% of Total Leaders	% of Active Leaders	Average Earnings Compensation (USD)	Median Compensation (USD)
President's Team	0.2 %	0.6 %	\$ 514,638	\$ 336,901
Millionaire Team	0.7 %	1.7 %	\$ 100,195	\$ 97,303
Get Team	2.6 %	6.5 %	\$ 22,766	\$ 19,417
World Team	2.9 %	7.3 %	\$ 6,224	\$ 5,659
Supervisor	33.1%	83.9%	\$ 901	\$ 475
Total	39.4%	100%	\$ 7,354	\$ 637

What is very interesting is that it appears that for 33.1 percent of leaders of this amazing business opportunity the median compensation for the year was \$475.

If we look closer at the number it appears that 60 percent of the leader level employees make nothing.

That sure doesn't sound like a great way to deal with your bills. Thanks for nothing Karen.

Heck, the commercial and site can't even really be upfront and open about what this is they are really trying to sell you until you get to the very bottom of the website.

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The site says it is the property of the Centurion Media Group. – Source

IncomeAtHome.com is registered by:
Centurion Media Group
Ashley Hogg
PO Box 1132, Lauriston House
Bridgetown, St. Michael's (BB)
BB11000

The company isn't even located in the U.S., they are in Barbados.
If you fall for this sales job, I wish you the best of luck.

Get Out of Debt Guy – Twitter, G+, Facebook

Source: <http://getoutofdebt.org/8067/my-husband-gets-collection-calls-from-payday-lenders-he-is-now-trying-to-make-money-with-herbalife-cindy>

From: Steve Rhode

Date: October 7, 2009

My Husband Gets Collection Calls From Payday Lenders. He is Now Trying to Make Money With Herbalife. – Cindy

“Dear Steve,

I’ve been married since 05 and we have all accounts separate due to his poor credit history. I thought this was a result of a divorce, but I am starting to think otherwise as he has bad spending habits and always runs out of money.

I have received calls from companies such as payday loans, fast cash and now cash call. Various credit card companies call to collect on his past due accounts. no checking, loans, utilities are in joint names. I have great credit and would like to keep it that way. Everything was in my name prior to our marriage. I have added a loan in my name for a vehicle for him to drive titled to me and an addition to the house, also in my name, since 05.

Cash call just called my home to speak with my husband again. I thought that he was paying the remaining bills down since he lost his job in April 09. He has since joined Herbalife to start his own business. I have no idea how much this costs.

Can I be held responsible for any debt he owes through these cash advance companies? Is there a way I can find out how many of these loans he has been securing? It is causing a lot of distrust in our marriage and more debt than I know. He has used these companies in the past and I know the fees and interest are outlandish.

Cindy”

Don’t miss our free Get Out of Debt – “How To” Guide Series on a number of topics, for loads of practical advice, tips, and help to beat back debt. – [Click Here](#)

THE ANSWER

Dear Cindy,

Well hell yeah it is causing problems. And if you don’t take some action to intervene here this path will most likely wreck your marriage and lead to divorce.

In marriage, spenders tend to attract savers as partners. It is clear which person you are. The hopes of fundamentally changing him would be silly. The only way this thrill seeker, gambler, adrenaline junky is going to change is if he hits a financial bottom or you hold his feet to the fire and make him accountable.

Do you want this man to be your roommate or your life partner and husband? If you want more than a roommate then you need to gently sit him down and he needs to come completely clean with his financial affairs and you need to, together, order a copy of his consolidated credit report and credit score. Use the link, it’s the same one I use and love.

The credit report will give the two of you the best look at who he owes and since not every credit bureau reports all accounts, that’s why you need the 3 in 1 consolidated credit report.

Next, you need to find a way to encourage him to cooperate with you to develop a plan to begin to repay his debt. You absolutely do not use your money to do this. If you do you will only enable his piss poor money behavior.

You will need a plan to bring down the debt using the debt snowball approach. He needs to be accountable to you weekly on his progress.

The fact that he has jumped into Herbalife following his string of financial failures tells me he is more in search of the thrill of the chase of something new than accepting responsibility for his past financial transgressions.

Now, it might just be that he is so underwater in debt that we'll have to look at a Plan B as a next step, but first find out what his financial reality is and report back.

Please update me on your progress by posting updates here in the comments section of your question. I'm very interested in how this works out for you.

Big Hug!

Get Out of Debt Guy – Twitter, G+, Facebook

INCOME DISCLOSURE

Statement of Average Gross Compensation of U.S. Supervisors in 2011

Every single income testimonial on our website is verified and real.

With our opportunity, you can work part-time and earn a supplemental income or focus solely on your Distributorship and increase your financial potential. It's completely up to the individual how much he or she wants to achieve!

Over 25% of Distributors reach the rank of Supervisor and above ("Leader"), qualifying them for additional compensation which is paid by Herbalife© based upon the sales production of those they have sponsored directly and indirectly.

The annual gross compensation paid by Herbalife to all Leaders during 2011 averaged \$2,900 (with a median level of \$741). Over 39% of Supervisors are "Active" (defined as those who generated at least 2,500 points of volume in 2011 after becoming Supervisor). The annual gross compensation paid by Herbalife to Active Leaders during 2011 averaged \$7,354 (with a median level of \$637).

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The amounts above are in addition to and do not include profits earned on the resale of products to consumers or other Distributors. The figures stated above are not a guarantee nor are they a projection of a typical Distributor's earnings or profits. Like any other independent business, the achievement or failure of a Distributor depends upon his or her skill set, commitment and desire to succeed. At Herbalife, the opportunity to earn more is always available to each and every Distributor.

With that in mind - give our kit a look, with our 90-day, money-back guarantee you have nothing to lose, and virtually everything to gain!

Source: David Brear
From: Anonymous
Date: January 12, 2013

Initially, I had responded to an add that kept popping up in my email entitled "Work From Home" and fire your boss. I recently had to resign from my employment of 4 plus years in order to relocate with my husband as instructed from his military orders. While at my new duty station, I was unable to find work and bills were piling up. When I first received the email, I read the commentaries from CNN, ABC and other networks, I figured that this was a legitimate work from home opportunity. I paid the initial \$9.95, received a first pack in the mail and a couple of days later I was contacted by my sponsor/coach Karen Nelson. I had expressed to Ms. Nelson that I was somewhat skeptical about online business opportunities because I was scammed in the past and lost quite a bit of money. I also explained to her that I did not want to pay anything else for a work-at-home job. She had informed me that it was absolutely legitimate and that I would not be required to pay anything additional. She also told me that she was with the program for 4 months and in her first month she made a total of 14,000 at the distributor level. I asked her to give me some time to talk it over with my husband and I would get back to her. Two weeks later, I told her I was not sure about it and she in turn told me that she can guarantee me that I will make any money back that I put up front to get started within the first month and she would show me step by step to do so. Then I was charged \$199. for my Success Builder Kit. I was given a password to log on to the IOffice, sign up for First Data (which charges me \$54.95 monthly) and then my GoHerbalife account. She explained to me to get business cards, make flyer, and advertise the 30/30 weight loss campaign. She also told me to sign up with OBTDomains and register for a domain. I did, paying \$39.00. Then she instructed me that I can get lead using the Wheel option, bring in others and pay a percentage, etc. Every time I turned around I was paying out money rather than making any money. I built websites to promote and sell Herbalife products and to no avail I cannot even get people to click on my site. I paid Facebook for advertising, I paid Google/adwords, Google/ad sense, Manta, US Directories etc... to get my business started up and to give Herbalife the benefit of the doubt. My mentor kept telling me, you have to put in 110% if you want to get paid. Sometimes you have to invest a lot to make a lot. All I have been doing was investing and losing a lot. I can't even get my money back. I explained to my mentor that I did not need a weight loss program, I was not looking to get rich, I just wanted a job where I can work from or office to supplement the income I lost. I feel used, scammed and ripped off by Herbalife and my coach. I truly believe that Herbalife profiles individuals to be mentors or coaches who are designed with low morals, who would lie, cheat and steal without losing sleep and Herbalife pay these people to do their dirt while generating wealth for the company. I am disgusted and feel totally violated by Herbalife and Ms. Nelson. To make matters worst, my emails go unanswered and I can get no one to call me back to discuss how I can get my money back. Meanwhile I am finding myself deeper in debt.

Reply
David Brear 12 January 2013 01:24

The 'Herbalife' bosses have steadfastly pretended that the overwhelming majority of their adherents are perfectly satisfied and that virtually no one has ever complained to the company. In reality, a hell of a lot of people have complained to 'Herbalife' and asked for their money back, but the company has simply ignored them.

Source: <http://behindmlm.com/companies/herbalife-make-front-page-of-australian-news/>

From: M_Norway#3

Date: January 8, 2013

“Dishonest chain recruiting”.

Herbalife’s “direct selling” disguise and the deceptive shell game of “find the customer” were both rejected by the court, which concluded in plain language that Herbalife rewards consumer investors for recruiting other consumer investors and the rewards are based upon an unsustainable and “dishonest” system of endless recruiting.

Belgium used 7 years before the case was finally decided in court. Herbalife may have changed something in its customer requirements during that period of time.

Despite this ruling in Belgium (which took 7 years to litigate) and despite previous class action suits brought by American consumers in which Herbalife paid millions to settle, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) in America, where Herbalife is based, has taken no law enforcement action against the scheme in recent years.

Belgium has similar Consumer Protection Laws as the rest of EU, based on the EU Unfair Commercial Practice Directive from 2004/2005, implemented in all the countries in 2009.

Source: IncomeAtHome.com

8586258223

Did you get a call from 858-625-8223? Read the posts below to find out details about this number. Also report unwanted calls to help identify who is using this phone number.

858-625-8223

Country: USA

Location: California (San Diego)

Salim

17 Nov 2009

A call from this number came while I was out - it was from La Jolla California. They did not leave a phone number - I think it came because I filled out the first page at www.incomeathome.com because they have similar numbers with only the last number different. Like a phone bank or something.

Ricia replies to Salim

24 Jan 2012

Yep! Just visited the sight yesterday!

John replies to Salim

28 Jan 2012

Yes. I signed up for income at home yesterday and now this number calls me

Judi replies to John

28 Mar 2012

Yep...I was at that site a couple of days ago and the calls from that number started right after that.

Loves Libraries replies to Salim

8 Jun 2012

Me too.

James

5 May 2011

Yup... same here. It was the day after incomeathome.com. It was a hangup call.

Caller: incomeathome.com

Rhonda replies to James

12 Aug 2011

Wow the same thing happened to me,

Pearl replies to James

15 Aug 2011

Me, too.

Hate scammers! replies to James

23 Jun 2012

That's what happened to me. I called back and no answer. I can't believe John Tesh put his name behind this!

Janet

5 May 2011

Same here. Heard income at home.com on Sean Hannity radio..then I started getting calls from this number.

Call Type: Telemarketer

john replies to Janet

17 Jan 2012

I have just lost my respect for sean hannity & any other talk show host endorsing this scam, I thought they had better morals.

Eddie replies to Janet

4 May 2012

Same here

Kester Dornelly

13 May 2011

I don't wish to get any more calls from this number; they're not courteous and they don't leave messages. no more calls

Caller: www.incomeathome.com

Tom replies to Kester Dornelly

1 Feb 2012

I wish they would leave me alone I looked at the site and after that I got calls and e-mails day and night.

Bill

23 May 2011

Same deal - they call and never leave a message.

Caller ID was CCS Services.

Caller: CCS Services

KO

27 May 2011

Same deal....does anyone know how to STOP the calls from coming in?

Caller: incomeathome.com

Call Type: Telemarketer

Justin replies to KO

30 Nov 2011

The easiest way to stop this is to look in your personal phone's options. On many phones there is a way to enter particular numbers to block. Every time you get a call; block it. They can only have so many numbers...

azaudio replies to KO

23 Jan 2012

If you have an android, get the app Mr. Number. It suspects spam numbers and will ask if you want to block it. Great app!

BOB

30 May 2011

I filled out that first page on incomeathome also and the phone calls have started. Does anyone know how to stop these inconsiderate calls?

David replies to BOB

30 May 2011

You can call your phone service provider and have them block the number for you. It depends on the carrier, but most of them do this for free. The good thing is it is not coming from a private number, so they can actually block it.

David

30 May 2011

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Caller: Income at Home

Vince

30 May 2011

Setup a Google Voice account and you get a free phone number that forwards to your real phone number. You can screen calls, get voicemails, get text messages, and can easily block a number from ever calling again by logging into the web page for Google Voice. I will never fill out another form without it!

You can also place calls with your Google number, just put the number you wish to call into their website, click call, and your phone will ring. The person you called will see your google number.

Total cost: FREE (and invaluable compared to how many telemarketers I have blocked)

Caller: IncomeAtHome

Call Type: Telemarketer

Martha

19 Jul 2011

They call but never say anything when I answer. also they never leave a message. and I cant call them back. They want answer.

Caller: ?

Gregg

23 Jul 2011

I, too, get these after filling out the form on the 1st page of IncomeAtHome.com or whatever it's called. Annoying that they don't leave a message, annoying that they don't answer when called back, and annoying that one cannot opt-out of these!!!

Caller: IncomeAtHome

Call Type: Telemarketer

robert

4 Aug 2011

Got an unwanted call from this #.On answering, no response,hang up!

Tosh

12 Aug 2011

Same here after going to incomeathome.com. When I called the number back it just rang and rang. I saved the number in my phone and send all calls directly to voice mail, but I may also contact my service provider to get them to block the number so thx for the tip!

Caller: Probably Income At Home

Call Type: Telemarketer

fjc0000 replies to Tosh

14 Jun 2012

I am getting same thing must be income from home

Participant

20 Aug 2011

Hi - I don't know that person calling, but if you'd like the CD for \$9.95 I'll send it, speak with you, work with you honestly and at whatever level you choose. You may call if you wish: 661 406-9207

Caller: Incomeathome.com

Moi

2 Sep 2011

When I recieved the call the person said he was calling from the lottery commison, how rude

Caller: CCS Services

Lydia

27 Sep 2011

I keep getting calls from this number. It is very annoying how can I stop them from calling me?

Steve

30 Sep 2011

I to went on line to Incomeathome.com. I then received 2 or 3 calls the next day from 858-625-8223. The 1 call I had time to speak with started to ask questions. I stopped her and asked for the callers name and she said, "Tessa." When I asked for her last name she said, "Sure" and than the phone went dead. I tried to call her back and could not connect. She never called me back. I am going to contact Sean Hannity radio and request that he review this site.

Caller: Unknown

Call Type: Telemarketer

Beryl

1 Oct 2011

Same here - I signed up for workathome and they force you into giving them a phone number BEFORE telling you have to pay for the privilege of working. I gave them a free number that you get from signing up with Whistle - iPad app. They tried to call over and over and gave up when no one answered.

Caller: Workathome.com

Rocco Zappia

1 Oct 2011

TAKE ME OFF OF YOUR CALL LIST PLEASE...

Caller: incomeathome.com

Call Type: Telemarketer

randy

5 Oct 2011

they got me too,someone should let hannity know how these people are he is associated with.

Caller: incomeathome

DearOldDad replies to randy

12 Apr 2012

They bought and paid for his "endorsement".

HT

12 Oct 2011

Oh okay incomeathome yup, I put in my number on their website today

oops..

Caller: IncomeAtHomw

shannon

14 Oct 2011

They called and asked for me.I said who is?Well then she said is this you.Then I o speaking?she then Hung up.I called back. And no answer.How did they get my number?

Caller: unknown

Dummy

31 Oct 2011

I made the mistake of giving them my number...god..what a mistake...

Caller: incomeathome.com

Call Type: Telemarketer

Zoe life

14 Nov 2011

calling repeatedly but not leaving a message.

Codydog

18 Nov 2011

First time they called was today. I checked out incomeathome.com 2 months ago. now I get this. OKaaaay.

Caller: CCS Services

Vince

30 Nov 2011

I got it too. Yes, oddly enough I looked into incomeathome.com today. Sounds like a pattern. Thanks for all your posts it helped me figure out who the caller was.

Caller: CCS

Call Type: Telemarketer

Debbie

7 Dec 2011

Also from started getting calls from this number after looking at incomeathome website. Want to stop the calls

Brandy

28 Dec 2011

Stop Calling me

Neil

1 Jan 2012

Stop calling me

Big Brother is Watching You

4 Jan 2012

I wen't to Income at Home.com website but did not fill out any information. Some how they got my number anyway.

Erin

10 Jan 2012

I just got a call from this number once, I missed the call, and they didn't leave a message. Then they call again, and I answer, They ask for me, I said Who is this? She said, Oh nevermind, really rudely and hung up. I didn't even have time to catch her name.

Gary Kaminski

18 Jan 2012

Just want to say thanks for the info. about this number. I have not and will not answer when this no. shows up.

Jean

19 Jan 2012

I looked into incomeathome yesterday also. Received a call from this number, but could not answer. Tried to call back, but no answer.

Jeff

26 Jan 2012

This is an unrequested phone call to my number that is registered with the do not call list.
Caller: ?

DearOldDad replies to Jeff

12 Apr 2012

And they will not pay any attention to the DNC list. They are a modified MLM they are only looking for you to pay and the recruit other saps on a list of saps that they get from from the website. These are "cold call" sales calls.

MRodz

1 Feb 2012

I received a call from this number. I screen all my calls from unknown numbers so when they asked for me I asked what the call was in reference to and the guy rudely said "Well it wouldn't really matter unless you are the person I am looking for, now would it" and then hung up on me.

Nora

4 Feb 2012

Harassing calls, won't leave message and are very rude when finally answered the call. Soliciting unwanted work at home, Herbalife propaganda which I'm not interested in...

Caller: Income@home.com

Call Type: Telemarketer

Bob

5 Feb 2012

Hey Guys,

I too responded to the incomeathome deal. It's the scam company that sells vitamins and has been in trouble with the government with some law suits. It's Herb-a-Life. Helps you lose weight by crapping constantly with the supposed weight loss vitamins they sell.

Caller: Herb-a-Life

Call Type: Telemarketer

tom lefever

20 Feb 2012

these people keep calling and i don't want to be bothered

Caller: ccs services

CHill

29 Feb 2012

Same thing here... incomeathome.com I realized after the first page that it was a scam if they couldn't tell me who they are are what they are selling. Now I get more unwanted calls,,,,great. I've lost all respect for Sean Hannity as well.

Caller: CCS

Call Type: Telemarketer

CHill replies to CHill

29 Feb 2012

Oh, and apparantly they don't take incoming calls. It rang and rang and rang. Jerks. That is totally going to make me what to buy their product/participate in their scam. Thanks Hannity!

DearOldDad replies to CHill

12 Apr 2012

Hannity was well compensated for his "endorsement".

Donnie Blunt

29 Feb 2012

This number keeps calling my cell. The calls are coming from incomeathome.com

Caller: income at home

Call Type: Prank Call

Chazz

12 Mar 2012

I wish they would quit phoning me, they interrupt me ALL the time... it's annoying and disrespectful. their calls come in when i am on a conference call,

adadslife

13 Mar 2012

Well, I fell victim to "income at home" ... hell every talk host I knew talked about it. Funny thing is they never tell you what the "No cold call" really is. Visited the site and even they don't tell you what product they sell. Just how everyone and their brother are making money hand over fist. Funny thing about it I had to google them to find out what product they sell. So like an idiot prior to googeling them, I filled out their B.S. form to see if they would say anything about what they sell. Sad thing is, they don't.

So here it is in a nut shell ... Like AMWAY it is a pyramid scheme. Only thing this you do not sell soap products to everyone and their brother ... you sell health products like pills. Fish oils and alike. Long story short, you work under a "trainer" who makes money off of you, you get family and alike to buy this crap and they make money off of you, you get people to be a seller of this product you make money off of them, and they make money off you and them. it goes on and on. So like Amway, the only person who will buy this crap are the people who sign on and you really don't make the money like they say you do. I'm sure like their web site states and what

talk show host says there are people who do, but listen closely it is damn few and in-between. This is probably why they never tell you what the hell it really is on "the income at home" site because if you knew you wouldn't sign up. So can we say SCAM? Pass it on people ... the one who loses is you

Caller: Income At Home

Call Type: Telemarketer

DearOldDad replies to adadslife

12 Apr 2012

Yes they are technically an MLM because they are more interested in "recruiting" other foolish people so they can build their "networks of profit".

Georgio

21 Mar 2012

If you can not block this #, DO this: enter it in your system under the name of: CROOKS. When you receive a call and notice the name CROOKS as an incoming call simply DO NOT answer or press STOP! You can do the same for any unwanted or non solicited phone call. I think it is simple!

Caller: 1 858 625 8223

steve nichols

26 Mar 2012

remove me from all list and mailings asap. do not ever call me

BiggDaddyBuxx

27 Mar 2012

The reason for the hangups is, it's a robot dialer that rotates until a sales rep is available then it connects you. I went to the site and didn't complete the sign up and I get calls every day.

SUX!

Caller: Incomeathome

Call Type: Telemarketer

Diana Foster

13 Apr 2012

I answer and no one response. Don't call me.

Caller: CCS SERVICES

Ike

17 Apr 2012

I received a call from this number and I do not know them, nobody answered when I picked up nor did they answer when I called back. I would like to report this call as a phishing fraudulent call. Thank you

Caller: Income from Home. Com

Call Type: Telemarketer

Sylvia

18 Apr 2012

I get calls from this number at various times of the day. When I answer, the call disconnects. When I call the number back, I get no answer.

BTW- I have never been to any work at home / income at home website. This is a local area code for me.

Caller: 1-858-625-8223

jack

19 Apr 2012

yuppp visited the site last night...not into network market on multi-levels...

Caller: incomeathome.com

fatslut

20 Apr 2012

I see your messages and I did the same with incomeathome.com but I got it from Bill Press, not Hannity. Guess they swing both ways. I blocked it and also emailed Press about it.

Caller: unknown, telemarketer sadist

AL

25 Apr 2012

yes same thing happened to me I filled out the first page yesterday 4/24/2012 and today they called me it was a hang up call.

kay

7 May 2012

Annoyed ...

Caller: 858-625-8223

Brenda

9 May 2012

Have received two calls on my cell phone today from this number. I did not answer either one as I kinda thought this was scam number. What a pain.

Bianca

15 May 2012

Got a call from this number just a few minutes ago. Picked it up right as they hung up. As I am expecting employers to call my cell, I called the number back to ask for someone. No answer. I've never been to www.incomeathome.com. Seems like they're just bothering people at random now..

sick of calls

17 May 2012

Stop calling my phone, I get a call EVERY day....stop it!!!!!!!!!!!!

Caller: unknown

kathy klein

17 May 2012

I was on this site this morning, didn't want to pay the trial fee. I hope they don't keep calling me!

Caller: unknown

Dennis Digiulio
28 May 2012
me to

Tony
13 Jun 2012
I don't listen to the Sean Hannity show any more. What people will do for money. (anything)
Caller: Incomeathome.com
Call Type: Telemarketer

cindy
23 Jun 2012
Filled out the first page also. Then saw they wanted money so I left the page. Calls started after that. I heard about it on Neal Boortz show. Very unhappy about that cuz he is the one advertising it! I have call blocker on my phone but it gets on my nerves to see the number in the call log and it interrupts me when I'm doing something else on my phone. aarrggghhh!
Call Type: Telemarketer

common tator :))
6 Jul 2012
This number called - left no message - I called them - not even a voice mail.

Must be really important :)

Have a blest weekend!!
Caller: IDK IDC

Boobs
19 Jul 2012
Herballife is income at home.
Caller: Herballife
Call Type: Telemarketer

From: header1967, Junior Member
Date: May, 16 2010

Re: Online Business Systems (Who Are They)

I just ran into this a couple of days ago. I purchased the info pack for \$9.95 or whatever in the hopes that it would be a more generic online marketing system. I won't go an further with it and will try to decline delivery. I have a great program that I promote, but I'm tired of using my warm

market. I know there is a big world out there that is reachable through the net, I just don't know how to do it. Is there an online system out there that I can plug an existing product into in order to market worldwide?

Jack1

Re: Online Business Systems (Who Are They)

i have been looking for an online business but it seems that the ones i see are scams. can anyone out there recomend one that is not a scam and is legal if so email me at j1moody@att.net

Quote:

Originally Posted by Scrub

Dear Aaron75 :

I am thrill that you found www.scam.com useful in your researched. I am also impressed with Herbalife CEO credentials. I must agreed that Herbalife do have the respect of some people in the community and perhaps worldwide. Like most MLM businesses or businesses in general, it matures. At some point and time, one can not generate the 200% returns as they did when the product was new.

The decision is yours, if you have the skills and abilities to make billions, go for it. If you are like most of us who want something to bring in extra cash without working your ass off, I strongly suggest you stay away from this and get A FULL TIME JOB

This is just my opinion but the decision is yours and BEST OF LUCK.

Note: A business that is not transparent in its practices is not worth any investment.

Re: Online Business Systems (Who Are They)

Online Business Systems (OBS) runs radio and TV ads (Rush L. Dr. Laura, Sean Hannity, late night TV) for work at home business and coaches. It is selling Herbalife products, which are overpriced. It turned out to be a bad business model. Pay them \$5K for leads(\$120/lead) , so you can MAYBE sell \$20K in HLF product to receive \$4K in commissions. Net you lose money at least \$1,000. In the US 'Decision package' there is no income disclaimer. In the Canadian disclaimer it states something like a supervisor makes on average \$2200-2400/year, not \$5000 per month they say is easy to do! That is why these Canadians are selling this in the US and not Canada. Many people that sign up realized it is bogus and quit quickly, so it is challenging to keep people under you selling and supporting your MLM income. The "coaches" only wanted to hear ra-ra pep talks, positive news and no complaints like their leads are bogus, too expensive or bad leads. Often the lead's credit can't be charged the \$9.95, or \$39.95 or \$399 or \$2,800 that progressively is needed for the next level of success (OBS's not yours) that you need to pay them. STAY AWAY from OBS and HLF

TallGrrl

Re: Online Business Systems (Who Are They)

For those of you who want to get their money back, but do not know a phone number, I checked out Online Business Systems on www.bbb.org and this won't let me copy and paste the info, but their telephone # is: (888) 421-4850. They operate under 18 different websites, their address is: 6946 N. Academy Blvd. #166; Colorado Springs, CO 80918. This information is for their National Customer Service Center. The Customer Support Manager is: Amanda Schaeffer. It even says that the Type of Business is: Business Opportunity Companies, Multi-level Selling Co. Nutritionists. Additional DBA (doing business as) Income at Home; Online Marketing Solutions and Centurian Media Company. Additional Company Manager is: Clarence Giesbrecht who is Director of Operations. Also lists an additional address of: 13701 S. 42nd Ave.; Bellevue, NE 68123-6234. The BBB lists 70 complaints that you can view if you go to their site, type in the business name and click to view the report.

The advertising review states:

Online Business Systems is a marketing tool designed to assist people in running a Herbalife based business completely from home using the internet along with pre-designed websites and a step by step lead generation method.

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Business Contact and Profile

Name: Online Business Systems-Nat'l Customer Svc Ctr

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Address: 6946 N Academy Blvd #166 Colorado Springs, CO 80918

Website: www.incomeathome.com

www.theonlinebusiness.com/contact.php

www.incomeforever.com

www.theonlinebusinesspro.com

www.14incomeathome.com

www.growyourincome48.com

www.online-business-systems.shopmybbb.com

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www.incomeathomela.com

www.incomeathomeradio.com

www.incomeathomeusa.com

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www.homeincomematch.com

www.earnrealincome.com

www.growyourincome.com

www.homebusinessmatch.com

www.incomeforever.com

Original Business Start Date: December 2001

Local Start Date: September 2002

Principal: Amanda Schaffer, Customer Support Manager

Customer Contact: Amanda Schaffer, Customer Support Manager - (888) 421-4850

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Industry Tips:

Multi-Level Marketing: Prospective participants in any merchandising plan should realize that successful achievement and advancement depends on the sale of the product to customers. To be prudent, participants are advised to weigh all facts involved in establishing an independent business and to check state and local requirements. Due to various distribution levels within some merchandising plans and lack of territorial restrictions, the possibility of area saturation can exist; therefore, a wide variation of earnings should be expected.

Prospective participants should seek to see audited financial statements which include a profit & loss statement as well as a balance sheet from the company to find out the financial stability of the company. If a guarantee is offered, is there an insurance policy or money to cover the possible refunds? Is there any requirement by the company to register to do business in the state? What is the background of the principals of the company?

If you have been invited to join a group that seeks to sell nutritional products through a multi-level plan OR you are considering purchasing such products, the BBB encourages you to do a little research first via the internet at the following addresses:

<http://www.fda.gov/opacom/laws/dshea.html> (Food & Drug Administration) <http://dietary-supplements.info.nih.gov> (National Institutes of Health) <http://www.ftc.gov> (Federal Trade Commission)

Seminar Tips

Consumers who plan to attend free seminars should be aware that in most cases the presenters will promote products and services that are for sale. Products sold at these seminars include self-improvement, investment education materials, and home-based businesses.

Individuals interested in home-based businesses need to consider all aspects and costs of starting and operating a business. This may include licensing, advertising, bookkeeping and related expenses. In any business venture, area saturation can occur due to a lack of territorial restrictions. In all cases, a wide variation in earnings should be expected. Be sure to read and understand any cancellation policies or guarantees before making a purchase.

Investor Alert! Beware of Companies Offering Quick Riches Selling Precious Metals and Other Commodities

Dont Lose Your Cash to Enticing Investment Offers

Ignore The Knock of A Business OPP!

Investment Scams Targeting Seniors on the Rise

Work-at-Home Schemes

I hope this helps everyone. =)

Rock0808, Junior Member

Re: Online Business Systems (Who Are They)

This is a multilevel marketing pyramid scam. They suck money from you and turn a profit from the minute you sign for their "trial" package. They charge you \$9.95 for shipping. It cost them \$4.75 plus maybe 5 cents for the ink and the label.

Their two cds are not worth 35 cents let alone \$35.00 It gives absolutely zero details about the program. It was the biggest waste of time. Then they call you back, and you have to listen to another pile of crap and at the end of this crap, they tell it only be \$399.00 more.

Also the cds spend only 8%-10% of the time talking about the products, never mentioning Herbal Life.

I would run away from these people and never looked back, Save your money and put somewhere else other than OBS.

Bigkaff, Junior Member

Re: Online Business Systems (Who Are They)

Hi everyone & thanks for your very informative posts. I saw OBS advertised in a magazine a while back & decided eventually to check it out, i was a bit concerned when I found that they gave very little away until you enetered your details into a link...which I did...low & behold I still

found very little out. Being the sceptic that I am I thought I would do a bit of online investigating before I even thought about going any further & was led here...thankfully.

I know that there are a couple of positive posts but I think i'll go along with the majority which all seem to be negative & i'll stay well away. I did have some foresight & gave them an e-mail & phone number which I don't use anymore so at least they can't chase me up for showing an interest!

Cheers guys

MikeFinnan, Junior Member

Re: Online Business Systems (Who Are They)

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I heard the ad on the radio several times and was looking for a flexible income. You have heard it too, I'm sure. I decided to try it. Online Business System is a way to become a distributor of Herbalife. They charge you \$9.95 for a decision package and you have 14 days to decide or the full cost of the decision package will be charged to the same card you charged the \$9.95. What you get is a motivational message saying that you can make a lot of money if you join, but they don't tell you what. You set up an appointment with the person that sent you the decision package. He does this through a script as all of his marketing is suppose to be. His up-line is assuring him/her that he must not vary from the script to be successful. In order to get the names that he sent decision packages to he paid about \$525, being told he is being charged \$500 which may be true but that is Canadian. He gets 4 names who have responded to the ad on the radio and several, I think 12 names of people who declined and left information on a pop up, requesting more information. He also had to pay for the decision package, about \$20. He charges to his merchant account and paid to get more training. Also there is a monthly fee of \$50. All of these charges are withheld until they think you are going to do it there way. It is a numbers game and I believe what they say is true. I believe my up-line coach is doing well doing just that. Every once in a while they put on promotions offering two for one or buy two get two on advertising. That helps cut down the expense, but it is expensive, as I'm sure it is expensive to advertise on the radio everywhere. You can get a go getter with a lot of start-up money or someone in need of work that cannot afford this or someone who may halfway try and not put in effort or mostly people who won't return or answer your calls. I got mostly the latter. Also to get to a profitable level You must order \$4000 of product, retail, one shot or \$2500 of product 2 months in a row or team with someone and order \$5000 of product to become a supervisor getting 50% off. You get the product at the level you are buying at. If you order I think \$2000 of product you get 42% off. There are more benefits to becoming a supervisor, so you are encouraged to go into debt to do so. If you become a distributor you

I you have 2 options: buy a \$71 distributor kit to join Herbalife or \$400 to join online business systems getting about \$250 worth of product, a workbook, more cds or dvds and access to a back-office with step for step training. The coach stays in contact with you, trying to help you succeed, as he/she profits off you efforts. There is also a website store that cost \$10 a month and of course the merchant account.

I started taking the products and lost 5 lbs the first week, about 3 the next 2 the next, so it is working. I believe the product is good. There are products for targeted health, heart, digestion, male and female problems, supported with herbal formulas. This is the first diet that I don't feel hungry on.

I think this can be a good program without hiding the product and cost, and being up front about how it works.

Some people may be able to do this with little or no up front money. Since I am at a higher level I can offer you an opportunity to try the product at the same level the \$71 distributor pays, 25% off the product. On my store website Herbal-Nutrition.net/MikeFinnan access code gethealthy you can order the product at 25% off if you enter SELLER as the coupon code at checkout. I advise you to try the product so when you sell it you are a product of the product. You can either direct them to my site or request sales material from me and you make the order and keep 25%. When you start ordering a larger amount, you can join and order the product directly from Herbalife.

Thank you for reading this, I believe that this up front approach is better.

Mike Finnan

m_finnan@theonlinesystem.com

505-793-2849

mostly available 5-8PM and weekends as I am a school bus driver

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From: Scrub

Date: October 2, 2010

My husband and I are recent victims of OBS. I've just found this site and specific OBS thread. We are now about \$5000 deep into the OBS trap after everything is accounted for. It is the price we are paying for not having done our due diligence, as others have warned on this thread. However, we are working with our credit card companies to see if we can recover some of what we have lost to OBS.

We are currently in the process of requesting to be released from our upline sponsors' lineage. Our President's team member has pretty much told us that it's damn near impossible. So far, we have sent polite emails to our coach (not much of a coach or mentor, I should add) and President's team member to release us from their sponsorship. They may or may not agree, and if not, hubby and I will need to decide if we want to get an attorney to get it done.

We are trying this route to see if we can get a new sponsor in Herbalife and be able to continue our Herbalife business. We actually use and believe in the quality of the products so we don't want to give up our business on the simple premise that we got scammed by a marketing company. As someone else has already posted, any business you decide to engage in should be with a product or service that you actually use and believe in.

I would like to clarify that Herbalife is a completely separate company from OBS, and Herbalife has nothing whatsoever to do with how OBS does business. That said, Herbalife has specific policy statements on “business methods” and business method advisories posted on their official website.

Here’s this:

POLICY STATEMENT ON BUSINESS METHODS

Some Herbalife Independent Distributors (hereinafter referred to as “Distributors”) produce, sell and utilize merchandising aids and support services or materials, including the names and contact information of prospects (e.g., “leads”), and the recommendation, provision and placement of advertising. These aids, support services and materials (i.e., Business Methods) include (but are not limited to) books, magazines and other printed materials, audio/visual materials, software, telemarketing tools, websites, Internet services and other electronic media, rallies, meetings and educational seminars.

Such Business Methods are NOT produced, approved, endorsed, guaranteed or authorized by Herbalife, and Herbalife assumes NO responsibility or obligation, and shall have none, with regard to their purchase, sale or use.

Purchasing Business Methods is strictly voluntary. Their purchase or use is not required to become an Herbalife Distributor, nor is it necessary in order for you to progress or succeed as a Distributor, or to receive training and support from your Sponsor and/or upline.

No one may pressure you to purchase or use Business Methods.

Distributors should only buy Business Methods if they decide for themselves, after a reasonable time in the Herbalife business, that these materials might assist them in developing their business further. The money and time Distributors expend on Business Methods should be limited and consistent with their own evaluation of the reasonably likely benefits to their business.

The only required purchase in order to become, succeed or advance as a Distributor is the Herbalife IBP (that is, Herbalife’s official International Business Pack/Distributor Kit). When a Distributor is recruited, they must be offered the opportunity to buy a Mini IBP (or, at the Applicant’s election, the full Herbalife IBP), without any markup or profit to the Sponsor or the Sponsor’s upline.

At all times, the principal business focus of Distributors is the sale of Herbalife products for consumption.”

And this:

Business Methods Registration Advisory

Only those Business Methods which have been registered with Herbalife International of America, Inc., may be sold to Herbalife Distributors residing in the United States. Please see Rule 1-A-1 of the U. S. Supplemental Rules.

As a service to our Distributors, listed below (in alphabetic order) are the Business Methods which are in compliance as of this date, with Rule 1-A-1. This list will be updated periodically.

At Home Business System
Body Basics
Cash Mail Box
CWIG Health
Discount Club New Jersey
eHome Business Network
eTeam Marketing
Financial Success System, LLC
Freedom Connection System
Freedom Lifestyles Group
Gateway2Wealth
Global Home Business System
Kay-Lee Interprises
Magnetic Sponsoring
My Diet Basics
My Success System, LLC
Network Consultants
O'Connell System
Online Business Mentors
Online Business System
Online System
Power Queue Inc
Premiere Team International
60 Minute Money
Skip Ahead Tech
The Home Business Solution
VSM
Work From Home Business Center

Work From Home, Inc.

As this is the OBS thread, I can only discuss my experience with OBS. I don't know anything about the other companies that market Herbalife. But I thought I'd post those here for others to be aware of Herbalife's position.

What others on this thread have said is true, that OBS "pushes" its wheel leads at \$510 per wheel with no guarantees as to how many leads you get or the quality of those leads. We have bought quite a few that actually had fraudulent credit cards and/or wrong phone numbers. In some cases, they were replaced, and in others, it was our loss. If the credit card doesn't go through, we were instructed to "work it" for 14 consecutive days. If the credit card still fails after 14 days, we can return it for a replacement. It was a very expensive waste of time!

Other comments I can make is that OBS only promotes OBS. They never told us that we have other options... as newbies to the business, we just didn't know any better. Herbalife offers many of the same services via partner resources, and often at a lower cost than what OBS charges. They never told us that either.

On the weekly conference calls (personally, I think they are great training tools, but taken with a grain of salt), they kept saying to "buy as many wheel leads as you can afford to jump start your business" and "run your business with a sense of urgency" (read: do it, do it now, don't bother thinking about it!!).

After spending a few thousand dollars with not much return on investment, we started to think about it. With what we have spent so far on OBS leads, we could almost buy our way to the next level with Herbalife! And the money would have gone to Herbalife, not OBS! Needless to say, we're pretty steamed about that. But we're trying to stay positive and focused on what our business truly is and why we got into the business in the first place.

My husband has called our most recent prospects and told them not to get involved with OBS and advised them that if they want to get involved with Herbalife, go directly to the Herbalife website and sign up there. We also refunded their money. It was almost a conscience-cleansing experience.

I hope that someone may find my post useful.

Sincerely,

Maria in Orange County, CA

Source:

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From: Devlah

Date: August 15, 2008

Re: Online Business Systems (Who Are They)

I had an experience with this particular website (<https://www.theonlinebusiness.com>) which I think may be the one you are discussing.

In any event, I was sort of interested, got part way through the ordering process, then changed my mind and never ordered.

It turns out however, that despite not going through with the order, they still received all of my information (Name, Phone number, address, etc) and as per their Privacy Statement, proceeded to sell my phone number to who-knows how many others....

In the past two weeks I've received 10 phone calls from 10 totally different "companies" offering 10 different "Opportunities".

The worst part is, their privacy statement clearly states that any information you give them, they are free to give out or sell, and they aren't responsible for whatever happens to it after it leaves their hands.

Normally, I read the privacy statement before taking such actions, this ONE TIME I failed to do that, and now I have this mess.

A word of caution from the burned:

Always, ALWAYS read the Privacy Statement

Manonline2

Date: December 10, 2008

Re: Online Business Systems (Who Are They)

I am amazed at the dishonesty shown by OBS while they seduce prospects(including me) to join this bogus organization. How they sleep at night, defauding people out of their hard earned money, is a mystery to me.

I ordered the starter package, paying the \$9.95 "shipping and handling" fee. Their advertising suggests that's the total cost of the CD's etc. they send you. They fail to tell you in the online order info, there are more dollars to follow.

Between my order and receipt of the package, I discovered, on this site, the fact OBS fails to divulge: This is a MLM selling Herbalife. To me, selling Herbalife would be no kind of life!

When the nicely varnished sales package came, I trashed it--believing I had wasted ten bucks. But, no more.

Now these creeps, namely, Roger Mann, an OBS coach, hits my credit card for another \$39.95 to finish paying for the five dollar's worth of written crap and CD's they sent.

The charge was noted in the fine print, had I read the letter. Since I had no interest, and since I didn't expect the hidden trap language to be present, I didn't read it.

Presto, another \$40 for these thugs.

My goal for OBS, it to use my contacts in the Arkansas Attorney General's office to have OBS Red listed among the state's dishonest online business fraud peddlers.

I am going to do my best to make the \$50 they sucked out of me and the rest of the naive, unsuspecting casualties OBS leaves in the dust, will seem paltry compared to the misery they encounter.

Manonline2

Date: December 10, 2008

Re: Online Business Systems (Who Are They)

I got scammed, read the whole story on my blog at <http://jramblogger.blogspot.com>

Taybelle15

Date: April 8, 2009

Re: Online Business Systems (Who Are They)

Don't go need OBS, its CRAP, my husband and I lost everything, even our home trying to get this of the ground.

They promise if you work hard you will see results, I was up at 3am in the morning phoning leads in the US making this work and even if people are interested you don't get much return.

All in all it cost me £4500 to become a supervisor, you then have to buy Starter packs, cos you only get a couple to start and introduction packs and then leads every month which are \$510 for 2 slots, you are lucky, and I mean lucky you will get 6 leads from each slot, which could generate business, but most of the leads are fake or you cannot get hold of them or they are not intereste.

DON'T TOUCH IT. If you would like to sell Herbalife products contact Herbalife the product is good but expensive, which makes it hard to sell.

But OBS ruined my life and we are currently in a Hostel waiting to be housed by the Council (there is more to it than OBS, a fire etc and that OBS would not take a return on any items) but take this as a warning, it's not worth it.

Look at this website www.proconsumerguide.org who have done a lot of research into Home Work and Working online and recommend profitlance. I have just purchased the course and it is excellent, very informative and I am only a 1/4 of the way through it. If you are interested go on my site and order <http://elwtra.netsalaries.com>. There is a guaranteed refund for up to 8 weeks and I have no regrets I have learned so much in the last couple of days.

Don't take my word for it, why should you! but have a look and read the article. You can go on www.profitlance.com and get loads of information before you purchase, but my site also has loads of information too, so I would prefer if you order from me. I have only just started to give this a try and have not even finished reading about working with Google Adwords, but the course tells you how to!

Let me know how you get on and please stay away from OBS.

Regards

Tracy :spin2:

Mike4470

Date: April 20, 2009

Re: Online Business Systems (Who Are They)

My sister was involved with herbalife. She spent her entire life on the phone trying to recruit people. At one time she had about 35 people under her and was making 25k a month for the company, was number 8 top Distributor in the US and only making 2500 a month. She was spending 600 a month just on advertising alone. She was taking pills by the handful and even had an herbalife provided pill holder that looked like a fishing tackle box with about 40 compartments filled with pills. She was required to buy a certain dollar amount per month and also to stock and supply her recruits. It was a huge pain in the ass for her. Although she actually did win several fully paid trips to Mexico, Bahamas, etc. but was it worth it? What a joke!

StopTellingMeTheTruth

Date: April 22, 2009

Re: Online Business Systems (Who Are They)

Yep, that sounds familiar.

Ben C

Date: April 22, 2009

Re: Online Business Systems (Who Are They)

I almost got caught up in the OBS scam. I heard about it on Fox XM radio channel and listened to the speal they put out about 4 times before I called them. I got a coach that called me and the thing that sold me was the fact she hadn't quit her full time job. It only cost me the price of the package they sent me and I almost put in for the 399.00 internet deal. And thank god my wife found this site or I would have been taken also. At least I haven't been taken for any more. I really wanted to do a online business and make extra money for our faimly but this wasn't the one. I hope to find a good honest online business soon. Thanks for helping us.

Ben C

Stgga

Date: May 21, 2009

Re: Online Business Systems (Who Are They)

They are still around..so glad this thread is here... I just followed a series of links and they are still vague and still asking for money BEFORE they tell you anything about what you are getting into.... That is always a red flag IMO.

Fulviaweston

Date: September 25, 2009

Re: Online Business Systems (Who Are They)

I read a bunch of negative stuff about online business systems but kept an open mind since advertised by Sean Hannity, Dr. Laura, etc. I got my packet talked to my coach and decided it was not for me. I mailed back my packet so I would not be charged the additional 39.95 only to have them tell me it was soiled and had been written on. This was a total lie. All I did was listen to the cd and watch the dvd then paid for the shipping and sent it back in perfectly new condition. I had read a report of this happening to someone else. Now I believe it since it happened to me. Seems like they are going to get money from you one way or the other. I was very disappointed as the coach seemed like a nice person.

Source: <http://richriley.net/online-business-systems-review-the-online-business-systems-scam-truth/>

From: Beth

Date: February 1, 2012

They may be registered with BBB and are not a scam, but they are not up front about who and what they are until you pay (right now) \$9.99 for the shipping of information. Then when you contact your coach, you hear what it is really about. I am still trying to find a legitimate address to send the packet back before they charge me \$39.99. My "coach" will not email me back with that now that I am not interested.

From: Mike

Date: March 11, 2012

I'm sad to admit that I was taken in by Online Business Systems after hearing a prominent radio talk show host rave about it. So, here's how it works. For \$9.95 you get a small package raving about an online business opportunity that could potentially reap big money. No real information about how the business works is contained in this package. Very soon after receiving the package you'll get a call from a person who will be your personal coach and who will try to talk you into going further and set up a 3 way call so can listen to recording of the head of Online Business Systems. Here is where you learn that you'll be selling HerbaLife. You then decide whether to cut and run, or get pulled in like I did. If you go on you'll be charged another \$39.95 for for the initial information package and \$399.00 for a distributor kit. This kit is a small black bag, a few sample items of product, some brochures, some order forms and training manuals. When you review the training manuals, you learn that the entire business is prescribed. There is literally a printed script that is followed by your "coach" through the whole process. There are even scripted answers for the questions most commonly asked. Here is where you decide if you want to stay at distributor level and make a 25% profit or, for \$2000 more, move up to supervisor level and make a 50% profit. For the \$2000 you receive around \$4000 worth of product to sell, use yourself, or do whatever with. Now, after you've invested all that money, you want to recupe it. In order to do that, you can try to generate your own leads, or for \$500 Online Business will supply you with 5 decision package leads and 10 or so call leads. A decision package lead is someone who has already invested the \$39.95 and a call lead is someone who has invested the \$9.95 to review the information package. So this isn't so much about selling HerbaLife as it is about getting people to buy into the idea of selling it by guiding them through the process of spending \$40, then \$400, then \$2000, then \$500 for everyset of leads purchased. The "coach" gets a piece of every dollar you spend, their coach get a little piece, and so on up the chain. Some how Online Business Systems is a legal pyramid scheme. I made \$1200 after having invested over \$6000 before I called it quits. I should have listened to my wife.

From: Jolene

Date: April 21, 2012

Thank you sooooo much for your posting...I just paid the 9.95 myself and thought...hey it might be a good idea....glad I ran across your posting...we are looking to get a few extra dollars...not lose them!! lol.

From: Joanne

Date: April 24, 2012

Online Business System's is just a really pushy way to recruit Herbalife distributors and sell product (but more to recruit people). They say that 'anyone can do it' which is a bogus claim, and if you start reading the fine print it even says that results will be based on your own business talent and that testimonials do not indicate what will happen in your business. There are also disclaimers to state that gross profit indicated in their marketing does not include marketing costs, and they recommend you buy around \$1200 worth of marketing a month, so when they say \$2000 profit, they really mean \$800 and that would take an awful lot of hours to make, definitely not worth the time you put in. Some people have made a good income out of this, but their whole life is run by 'Herbalife' and they have meetings even at 9.30pm every night, and the uplines encourage you to keep working the business even during holidays. I could go on and on. It is a legitimate business with borderline false advertising (they get away with this false advertising with fine print disclaimers). I would suggest reading the fine print if you get involved in this business.

From: Michael

Date: May 15, 2012

The leads are expensive and horrendous. As I agree with the previous reviewer, OBS model is based on recruiting not retailing Herbalife. Not a good area to start a home based online business.

From: Paul

Date: May 17, 2012

Thank you. I have been thinking about signing up for the past week and almost decided to go for it TODAY. I am glad I only spent the \$9.95 and not the \$399.00

times are hard and I can not throw away \$399.00 on a dream.

From: Rev. Don Warford

Date: May 30, 2012

Thanks to everyone who has contributed to this site in giving your honest assessments. I too have just received my \$9.95 packet. I was very concerned, after having read the material and listened to the CD and the DVD, that it had not been revealed who the nutrition company was and that not once was I informed as to the actual means by which the goals were to be achieved. When there is obvious omission of this type of information, I am "gun shy". Because of your comments, I now know why.

From: L. Gadson

Date: June 8, 2012

I've just been duped again! I just got out of a MLM situation with Melaleuca...just to fall for it again. The only reason I managed to fall for it again is because a reputable radio station was

heavily marketing it. I should've known better...just b/c a radio station is marketing something doesn't make it right. They are getting paid to say whatever they want them to say and are protected by disclaimers. When will I learn?!?! But, yes, it is just a MLM scheme and a waste of time and money, but you won't know this until you have paid the \$9.99....very misleading. Also, I went against my number one rule....don't EVER pay for a job...period!!

From: Cindy

Date: June 11, 2012

I'm really glad I read these reviews. I did order the \$9.95 packet and they make it sound so great, but I still felt hesitant about it. I had to try and find some reviews about it before calling the coach. I need to make money, not lose it. I can't put my family's hard earned income on the line. I will be returning my packet.

From: Sharon

Date: June 16, 2012

Thanks for this website. I already paid the \$9.95 shipping for the kit, and already got my first call from the "coach." I tried to get info up front from him, but he was very vague and said my package and our next appointment phone call will answer all my questions. Reading these responses from other people cleared a lot up. I think I may have wasted my \$9.95 but I feel I'm ahead of this game now. I have no interest in selling Herbalife, even though I do think they have decent products. I just am not interested in roping in friends and family into an MLM when I'm not thrilled about them to start with. Thanks for the heads up, everyone!

From: Katy

Date: July 25, 2012

The more I read about this, the more I'm convinced not to try it. It sounds as though it operates similar to Avon, but without the home visits. I don't see how anyone but those with some type of preferred status can make money selling the same stuff over the internet... it would be a crap shoot as to whether someone goes to your website, and I bet the more you pay the more traffic is directed to you. Can Herbalife not sell their own products legitimately through their own website, or partner with another big-name site to sell? That's suspicious to me.

I'm not throwing thousands of dollars into this. I'd rather spend it on education.

From: jeff

Date: July 31, 2012

I'm not aware of all the \$ requested. I spent the \$9.95 for the starter kit and was charged \$39.95, but this latter amount will be refunded when you return the kit to: EHOME DISTRIBUTION 9207 North 9th Ave Phoenix, AZ 85021. The coach did have me listen to a CD, and was surprised by the words, Herballife... I learned you pay \$55 for a success business package and then pay \$199 for the complete package (the 55 is included). He then sent me a canister of the product for \$4.95. Next, he set up a time to discuss the product. That's all i've learned so far..

However, I found 3 things interesting and what it means I don't know: CD the person lost 37 lbs, my coach lost 37 lbs, and Patti Sperandeo (July 17 comment) also lost 37 lbs.

From: Danielle

Date: August 7, 2012

Why is this so secretive? I hate that... I am so disappointed in all of this. I don't want to have to spend \$2000 dollars just to get more pay. I will be sending my kit back as soon as I get it. Who gets my 9.95.

From: Diane

Date: August 13, 2012

I was laid off from my 13 yr job & decided to try Online Business System because a popular radio personality recommended it. He said it was "no cold calling"; it was exactly that (the ad is still running from him, by the way). I paid the prices & tried it for a couple months, decided I didn't like it, notified my coach & Herbalife. I did not ask for any return of any monies; I just considered an "expensive lesson" & just forgot about it. That is until 2 months later when I started receiving charges thru my checking account & transaction notifications for sales overseas that I had never made. I called my "coach" whose contact numbers had been conveniently disconnected, as well as her e-mail. I argued for a month with the company that sent me the transaction notifications, explaining to them that I had not made any money, but the transactions were still coming thru, to the tune of several thousand dollars. I notified my bank who did reverse all the charges & all the overdraft notices they caused, but I had to go in & close my bank account, file claims against the charges — all in all, a lot of headaches & aggravation. I am going to file complaints with the BBB against Online Business Systems as well as Herbalife. I consider it ALL a big scam. Beware!!

From: Myra Levine

Date: August 21, 2012

My "personal coach" has never called and doesn't return phone calls, but sends messages via e-mail urging me to call her! I'm sending the kit back today. Thanks for providing this forum. I'm not investing this kind of money in Herbalife...

From: Mary

Date: August 26, 2012

Well, you were right to not investing. I did 6 months ago and now I am over 7,000 in debt. Don't get me wrong, I love the products and helping people with their health issues but the recruiting side, where you make the big money, is the problem. I work very hard but it still doesn't work because I am not a hard core sales person. Just not good enough. They don't tell you all the money you should invest to buy leads, and if your not extremely confident, you probably will not

close, or all the merchant fees. I am at a point I can no longer invest. I am not alone. There are those in more debt than me. I am hanging in for the retail because I do have a passion for helping people and maybe eventually will break even. If you are a great sales person, this would be a good job for you. You either have it or you don't and you should know if you do or not. It's my fault completely for not researching and finding sites like this one. But I am in it now and just working the retail. Your coach may have not been successful but the upline coach should still be there. Also, I signed up distributors but they have not produced. Anyway, good luck in whatever you do!

From: A.E. McIntosh

Date: September 11, 2012

Have you ever read the story of the emperor's new clothes? Join OBS and you will experience the story first hand.

From: James Wright

Date: September 24, 2012

I signed up and started trying to sell Herbalife products to establish a platform to enable me to start the more lucrative recruiting part of the business. But when I hit a couple of snags and needed advice, suddenly my coach stopped returning my calls and answering my emails.

I experienced all the secrecy and gradual revelation of charges mentioned by others here.

Now I just want out, and can't seem to find the way. My coach still doesn't respond to calls and emails.

If anyone can give me a contact to help me exit, I'd really appreciate it.

From: Jacqueline

Date: October 7, 2012

This sounds like a scheme. Being desperate for work, I began to look into this and feel it is just another ploy to take money from those in need. Sure, if you have the money to invest, and are a salesperson this might work for you, but the average person is not suited for this. What really bothered me was when first looking at the site the offer was good for only 24 hours and there was a countdown timer for the next 15 minutes to "urge" me to sign up right away. Both tools to encourage signing up without researching. Instead I typed online business systems in search and found more negative than positive information. The fact that local news covers it as legitimate just encourages more to try without researching the facts. I feel it is a deceptive program

Source: <http://www.imreportcard.com/products/online-business-systems>

From: kyleskorner

Date: November 6, 2009

Online Business Systems - My Nightmare

My experience with Online Business Systems has been anything but a good one. I went ahead and paid the \$9.95 for the kit. When I got the kit, there was a letter inside that said if I was not going to proceed with the opportunity then I needed to return the kit within 14 days to avoid being charged the \$39.95 for this kit. Ok... all is fine so far. This is what they call the "weeding out" process for the serious business seekers. I also understood their point on this.

When I began watching the DVD and CD and reading through all of the information that was sent, I realized that there was nothing there except for the fact that there were loads of testimonials and how I would be working with HerbalLife products, however it doesn't say which ones or how I would go about doing it. At this point, even though I wasn't happy with the kit since it didn't really contain any information on "how" I would be doing this, I decided to continue. I was still in my first 14 days.

I then received a call from my personal business coach who at that time went over the program. It sounded easy enough and then came the bomb. This woman spent 20 minutes on the phone with me telling me that in order to make money with this company that I would have to pay for leads. I would also have to pay for credit card processing fees if I was going to set up credit card payments. But she wasn't finished. I asked about the training seminars and was told that I had to pay for those too. She also told me that it is "recommended" that I get a separate phone line for all of my orders. I was disgusted. The whole purpose of this program is not to get you a business up and running with HerbalLife but to get more money out of you through other means.

I informed my Personal Business Coach that I was returning the kit since I was still in my time frame. I included tracking on the package as it is standard practice for anything I send. Anyways, when I got my credit card bill in the mail, I noticed that the \$39.95 charge appeared on my statement. I immediately called Online Business Systems and they gave me some story about how damaged my kit was when they got it back and that there would be no refund. I new it wasn't damaged, but I also knew I wasn't going to win with this person I was talking to. I had to contact my credit card company to get the charges off of there and have since filed a complaint with the BBB. This is nothing more than a scam in my eyes.

After experiencing this nightmare first hand, I can definitely say stay away from this company. Their only goal is to get you to spend more money. If you want to be a part of the HerbalLife program then go to their site directly and sign up. This is nothing more than a game to these people and I would advise to steer clear of them.

From: stephany

Date: November 8, 2009

I wouldn't recommend it to anyone

My experience with Online Business Systems wasn't very good. The cost of the kit was only 9.95\$ and I decided to give it a try. I was very disappointed in the DVD and CD. All I got was testimonials. There was no information. I contacted support and they told me that I need to pay for leads and the training seminar. This is very misleading since they are not mentioning this when you subscribe. I also had to install a separate phone line for all the orders. I didn't like this so I returned the kit.

In my opinion this company will just ask for money from you. This is not a business opportunity. I am glad I got out of it in time. I wouldn't recommend it to anyone.

From: notjustmum

Date: November 11, 2009

Don't Waste Your Money

\$9.95 plus \$39.95 if you don't return it in time for what amounts to a sales letter and some testimonials! The \$9.95 is supposedly postage for the "kit". Postage would have been less than \$2 and delivery online could easily have been done for free.

From: omdo

Date: December 27, 2009

Be careful

What you first think of when you find the kit for \$9.95? If you were me, I will immediately take these kits. After waiting for a week, this kit was finally arrived at my house. This kit consists of a CD & DVD, and a sheet of paper containing the notice, if we do not return the kit within 14 days, then we will be required to pay a fine of \$ 39.95. Whoa...I feel like cheated. The price is actually about \$50! Only for a piece DVD & CD which only contains testimonies and a short tutorial that is completely useless to me.

Only after two days since I received the kit, I immediately sent it back. Instead I have to pay \$ 39.95 for something that I think is not useful at all. I gave up my \$ 9.95, but I would not recommend this product to anyone.

From: uni350

Date: December 28, 2009

Worthless Online Business Systems

When I first received this product, I felt cheated. I found out about this system through Partner with Paul which I am disappointed with as well. When you received this package, there is a dvd

and cd with just a bunch of testimonials. I had a coach I spoke to over the phone, and when I spoke with her, I did let her know that I want no parts of this business. The amount of money and the fees just don't stop. You have to pay \$9.95 to first receive the kit. If you decide to keep the kit, you will be charged \$39.95 more then after that you will be charged \$29.95 per month with the amount of Herbal Life products you would have to buy.

What a waste of time. If you or I wanted to join Herbalife, you can just go the site and join and you won't have to worry about paying those extra fees for this Online Business System which is the \$9.95 and then the \$39.95 to keep a dvd and cd with just a bunch of testimonials. What a rip off.

I also am not happy with the whole pyramid thing where you would have to buy Herbal life products and then you would have to recruit people too. Not for me no thanks. Don't waste your time. If you want to join Herbal Life, just go straight to their site and join. The Online Business System is what you don't need. The system is a waste. You can also head over to scam.com to read all the complaints from many people who were ripped off by Online Business Systems. I am so surprised that they are still in business. Amazing!

From: MagicMessenger

Date: April 1, 2010

Be Very Careful!

In 2007 I tried to work with Herbalife and failed horribly. Now in 2010 I find myself unemployed and thinking about starting my own business. I ordered the kit for \$9.95 and read the training pack, watched the DVD and then spoke with a "coach" from Online Business Systems. I was disappointed to learn that you are basically selling Herbalife, there is a start up fee of \$149 and you should purchase all of the supplements that are offered. I'm sorry but, if they can't tell you who they are upfront then something is just not right. So friends beware of what and who you are planning on working with or for.

From: blaemedia

Date: July 27, 2010

Not completely what I expected

Upon receiving the "kit" for Online Business Systems, I received a letter letting me know that there was a 15-day period to review the material and have a chance to send it back or I would be charged \$39.95 for the complete kit which consisted of what a CD, a DVD and a booklet of little or nothing but testimonials. After receiving the kit, I did get a call from my coach, who seemed to have an interest in helping me. But later I found out that it would cost more money to actually get started and I was looking for something I could use to make money without spending too much money. Bottom line is OBS is ridiculous and not worth it unless you do have an initial amount of money to spend on it. Oh, I also canceled my credit card to avoid them charging any more

money. And when they call to ask me to pay, I will say, here is your "kit" and I found out I don't want any part of this business, right now, but may be interested when I have the funds. I wouldn't try this if I were you. Take my advice, don't try it.

From: Nightowl0910

Date: August 1, 2010

Internet Business

I am actively seeking an on line job and followed up on a e mail I received offering what I thought was a good opportunity with On Line Business Systems. The ad appeared very honest stating that expectations for making lots of money would not occur immediately but would take time and effort, and initially \$500 to \$1000 per month would be more likely. I was to be assigned a coach for 1:1 know how in setting this up. I paid \$9.95 for the information pack and CD/DVD which I had 15 days to view.. If I decided against it then I had to return the packet and the money is lost. If I don't return the packet then I will be further charged \$39.95. I tried for over a week to call the phone number I was given for my coach, also left three voice mail messages. I kept getting e mails stating why haven't I heard from you but nothing in response to my several e mails I sent back stating I had been calling and leaving messages, and have been home and have an answering machine.

To date I returned the packet, the cost of return if sent with a receipt was \$15. The company is supposedly listed with the BBB with an A rating. This is rubbish, I checked and can only find an F rating. I have never had the courtesy of any sort of reply, and still continue to get e mails from "the coach". I am monitoring my credit card to see if they stop money. Therefore, I would say steer clear of this business. I just think it's a scam to get your initial \$10 investment.

I am really disappointed as it sounded so legitimate, and I am in earnest need of an on line business and still looking. Are there any on line business that are not scams?

From: aaronsharee

Date: August 13, 2010

Online Business Systems SCAM

I paid the \$9.95 for the package to see what it was all about. I received the information only a few hours ago and read through the booklet and watched the DVD and it was all testimonials and didn't really tell me anything about the company at all. On the letter it said that my credit card would be charged under UNITEDPAY, when it was actually charged to THE ELMS MOTOR INN TUMUT AUS. That automatically set me off and so I started researching and read everyone else's comments and rang my bank straight away and they have blocked my credit card and within 2 hours they have tried taking the \$39.95 off of it, but luckily it got declined and I got in before them. This is a SCAM and anyone looking at trying it I recommend to stay away from it!

From: Gwendy13

Date: September 23, 2010

Online Business Systems

I recently became interested in work from home opportunities. I have yet to find one that would work for me or isn't a scam.

I tried OBS. All of the previous comments are true, however I did not read anyone commenting about how much the business package costs. I did see some other fees I hadn't come across yet but I am sure they would be there. This business is basically a middleman that teaches you with great training how to set up your own business. They do however seem to want to keep everything from you until after you pay. I did pay the 9.95 but I will be returning this. I did receive the booklet. It was crap, just more pump you up testimonials. I was reluctant to add my real number so I put a fake one. That way I got emails instead trying to coo me into learning about them. That gave me a few days to actually learn more about them on my own. Then I decided to email the "Coach" back and included my "new number"

I did ask in the email that she tell me what the products were and what I would be doing in an email before she called me so I would know whether I wanted to participate. She never did, she just called.

I sat on the phone for 20 minutes while we got patched into a three way call with the main guy from the video that shook his hands in front of him a lot.

It was during that call they dropped the bombshell on me about paying for my start up package. They did give me two options:

Option 1 Basic Distributor Package. Basically you sell door to door or to your friends and family only.

Option 2 (the obvious option) Online Business System Package.

This is where they send you various products such as Registration for doing business in all countries, how to make 25 percent gross profit, training manual, 1 month supply of products to try at home, Herbal Life training manual, registered live training, and an online office. This package is purchased for a small convenient fee of 399.

I did not have the money to waste on something I didn't even know if it would work or not.

I told my coach I didn't have that kind of money and she said that in the beginning neither did she and she had to put it on a credit card and make it her goal to pay it off. Obviously trying to steer me in that direction. I said I would think about it and I did and the answer will be no. I just am not in the position to throw away money if I don't understand what is going on.

Now my final thoughts about this business is.

It might be a great, lucrative opportunity and you may get a lot of money back and that is great. However I do think they should tell you absolutely everything up front. How much you will have to invest in your own business plan and telling you step by step instructions to let you know what you may be missing or what you're in for. Not just Hello Listen to this testimonial and a story

from us about how we came from doing nothing and now we make lots of money. So give me some of yours and you can be like me.

You should have heard the conversation.

After the live call she was like the next step is to pay and get plugged in so how do you want to pay. I told her I didn't have money for that I am sorry but I can't... big pause... Well um I didn't either and I got a credit card and then paid it off. I said I don't know I don't have very much information and I don't feel like giving money out for something that no one really explains.... another long pause. She said well alright I will give you 24 hours to think about it.

I am happy that she did because I am not going to waste any money that is needed for my family on something like this.

Although if you did have a few thousand dollars to invest it might be a great opportunity, but I will never know because they wont tell you anything until you have already invested a certain amount. They figure since you have already paid x amount of money why not pay a little more instead of letting that first amount go to waste. I don't want to be stuck in that option. So my decision is to move on and get a real job.

From: juliahogan

Date: August 22, 2011

You are right, it's a scam

This is a tutorial on how to market online. In my opinion this is just a trick to get more people to sell Herbal Life. I mean I guess it is a good tutorial on how to get motivated but if I wanted to sell vitamins and dietary supplements, I would have been doing it. I feel misled. The dvd and the cd are so vague and evasive on what the actual thing you will be doing is. Do not order it!

From: designlife

Date: November 2, 2011

Just keep your eyes open if you proceed with this business model

So, you pay the \$9.95 shipping/handling, then there is a follow up phone call (The Pitch) when they call you. The package you received tells nothing of the business model itself, only hype about how others made money. By now, most of you know it is Herbalife. Now, Herbalife is a fantastic business model with caring corporatepeople. Online Business Systems (will refer to as OBS) is very deceiving. After the \$399 charge, there is an additional \$100 set up fee for the back office. The back office is worth the charge as it does contain conference calling, webinar features, and some training which is good. It is the \$100 you pay for each lead plus the \$29.95 you pay for each package you must send to your leads. They also tell you that you will sign up 3 or more for every ten people you pitch this to, but the hard cold facts are much less than that. They tell you in order to succeed, you must send out at least 25 packages each month.

Now add that up ... 25 leads for \$2,500 plus 25 packages for \$29.95 each. That amounts to over \$3,500 per month. Don't you think that most people would be happy to earn an additional \$3,500 per month, rather than having to spend that on almost worthless leads?

My advice ... Find a great coach and join Herbalife. By all means, stay away from OBS! Few get rich with this model. Most go broke.

From: leeder

Date: September 19, 2012

Do Not Purchase

This website seems like a great idea at first. Pay less than ten dollars and get your business kit, and a free counselor to help you start making money (from home- yay!). Once you receive your kit they will start adding on hidden fees until you cancel your order with them. If you do not send back their business kit they will charge you even more. Oh, and making money? Well, I didn't see any of that. Losing money is more like it.

Source: <http://reviewopedia.com/workathome/online-business-systems/>

From: Richard B.

Date: September 14, 2011

Yesterday (09-13), I ordered the \$9.95 starter pack. BEFORE I rec'd the pack, I rec'd 10 phone calls, the first, I looked up to see who it was, so I did not answer the others, because I had ordered the pack and wanted to see it BEFORE I answered their calls. The pack came today but only after 2 more calls. I looked over the pack and seemed a bit skeptical, it sounded like MORE \$\$ were to be expected. By the way the calls WHEN they did, left a message that it was imperative I call my 'mentor' for my appointment. After perusing the little brochure, my phone rang, I said what the heck and answered it. The lady said the same, I needed to make an appt and 'interview' with my mentor!! I asked, "what other monies will be req'd?" She would not answer and said that I must make my appt and talk with my 'mentor'. I asked again, and I said you folks have called 10 times since I req'd info. She said NO, only called 2 times. I responded that my caller ID has their number 10 times and I was not happy with the insistence. She TOLD ME I was probably not the material they were looking for and I should send the pack back. I asked if it was at their expense and she said NO I had to pay for return. I responded 'Why would I pay to send back what I paid to receive, the info is trashed' With that I said have a nice day and hung up. AND I was correct, they wanted more money.

From: Dan Taylor

Date: September 15, 2011

Responded to the system ads. Got the initial pack. spoke to the 'distributor', a fellow named Ron Crocker. Didn't know what the product was, wanted to find out. It's Herbalife, but I had to drag it out of him. Deceptive. They did all they could to keep from telling me that it was Herbalife. I still don't know how the program works. THAT requires another \$39.95. I emailed Mr. Crocker twice telling him that I was not interested, but they billed me anyway, the full \$39.95, and I still don't know anything about how the program works. OK, so I do know, it's a 'come-on', huckster style... They will hook you, then bill you, whether you decide to do it or not. Criminal, at best. Herbalife, I don't think so...

From: Michael L

Date: September 16, 2011

Based on reading all of the reviews, I totally agree that OBS is very deceptive. If you all have not seen my previous review about the program, it's totally laid out on how this program works. I've done it and the system does not work, your money gets constantly depleted which leaves very low or no profitability. You really have to have alot of money to get in this and even if you do the profitability is very slim. Stay away from the online business systems, Mr. Dahl the founder of the online business systems and the person who is on the audio/cd gets the profit. Mr. Dahl is a Herbalife chairmans level club member and a distributor who came up with this brilliant deceptive idea to use Herbalife to make money for himself and leaving other people with debt. To help you all, stay away and don't sign up with OBS! You are all to judge.

From: Sara

Date: September 20, 2011

Thanks everyone for your honest stories!! I am glad I went online to get input about OBS. I watched the DVD – all it is is 20 mins of people saying how much they earned, how great it is. Never said HOW to do anything or how much it'd cost me so I knew right away this is not good. I kept thinking it sounded like a pyramid scheme (you start, get others to do it and you profit from their sales, etc.). The day after I signed up to get the \$9.95 packet, I got TWO messages from the coach. Didn't hear from her again until several days later. I'm going to put the packet in the mail back to them TODAY and return her call tomorrow and tell them thanks but no thanks. I'm not interested in selling Herbalife. What a JOKE!!!

From: Kiwii Black

Date: September 25, 2011

OK..I called and left a message and I also e-mailed OBS. This is totally a SCAM!!! They do not reply anything. If everyone out there is unfortunate like me, take to your bank or credit card company right away to report the issue and have them send you a new card w/ new#!!! Today I received a call from OBS, he left a message saying that he wanted to verify my shipping address in order to ship the information packet. I returned his call and told him that I do not want to receive it and please do not send it to me. He said the pkg's been processed and on the way to me. !?!?!?! WHAT??? I told him that It's weekend and nobody is sending the mails, he replied to me "but it's been processed"?!?!?! who said in the voice message that he needed to verify my shipping address in order to ship the packet???? totally a scam!!! they will not listen....NO!

From: Alison K

Date: September 29, 2011

I ordered this off of an online add- I figured if I did not like the info that came, I was only out \$10...I had my conference call with them and listened to their "audio" and something just did not feel right. I told them I was going to do some research- not an answer they wanted, but needless to say we booked a second call for tomorrow.

Then I went online...

I found this website- and my gut feeling was confirmed. I called my bank, closed the card, and then sent my "mentor" an email as well as called her to cancel our scheduled call as well as notify her of the return. She sent me an email back with the address to make the return.

If you received the fedex package- the return address is most likely the same- My Mentor has a Mentor in AZ and it was the Sr. Mentor's address. Not sure if it is a home address, just make sure that you contact them on the phone and actually speak with them- I returned mine today- now it is a waiting game.

Thank you Sunny- I saw that mentioned in the comments, and did that right away. This site is very helpful. It is a real bummer that OBS is so sneaky-

From: Michael L

Date: October 7, 2011

You all made the right decision to not do OBS. Once again I repeat it is a money losing proposition if you read my review on Sep 2nd. I wish I can help you all with the return address, but they keep changing it. OBS is a very deceptive organization. Let me tell you all, you will always be on variety of conference calls that are non-sense and see all kinds of ridiculous posts on how this person did this and that. One other thing I want to tell you all is, when I was doing OBS I guess what we call my upline president team member logged into my OBS backoffice and deleted my posts which shows that there is a violation of privacy, I've immediately closed out the account. They are worse than a used car organization.

Read my lip, "DONT FALL FOR THIS OBS NON-SENSE AND SIGN UP YOU WILL NOT MAKE MONEY!" It's ashame to see that Herbalife allows them to do this

From: Sandra

Date: October 11, 2011

I have also orderd the packet for \$ 9.95. After looking in to it and finding this site I know for sure I WILL NOT DO IT.

It's sad how they all scam the hard working people as if we have that much money just to throw out the window. (If that would be the cause then why even bother to find a job)

I just hope they will not try to make me pay anything anymore, I wrote a note to my coach saying that I found out what they do and she better not think about contacting me again. Maybe one day a honest person will give us hope in Internet Busniness

From: Greg

Date: October 12, 2011

I just found one of their websites, very clever, it must use my IP address to find out where I live, as it incorporates the name of my suburb in the title of their "News Report" website. However, I Googled it and found this review, but I must say that if they are trying to hide the fact that they are Herbalife they slipped up as a warning notice on the example cheque for \$8782.57 on the website mentions something about verifying the Herbalife logo and name watermark in small print. Another case of "If it sounds too good to be true it probably is". I looked into Herbalife years ago before the internet, and it's just an overpriced way of losing weight. Fair enough for people who are overweight and have money to burn but it's a hard sell for most people.

From: Angie H

Date: October 17th, 2011

Wow, makes you really feel like an idiot. I just received my samples today, have not opened, have emailed my "coach" to verify the 203 E 35th Ave Ste B, Bellevue NE 68005 is the correct address to return everything. The samples have a dif address so also requesting he verify that and refund my CC. I pray there are no issues, I really hate people who take advantage of others who are only looking to survive. Going to mail back certified and will be calling my CC company to ensure nothing else is chg'd. Shameful absolutly shameful. Oh received the training manual on Sat it states in the letter enclosed not to go over or read any materials until you call your coach to go over it with you. Well I did read it and thats what truly chg'd my mind. MLM and you can purchase your way up to supervisor and make the best money, my understanding after researching can run 2K.

From: Randy S.

Date: November 3, 2011

My wife signed up for the package only ten bucks. Then I read the fine print forty bucks. I told her it sounds too good to be true. Thanks to all reviewer's for their honesty. Now I can show my wife. This is how they make their moneyfifty bucks a whack.

How many of you got stung for the fifty bucks.....because the package was not in pristine condition ? What a scam and it's legal.

Absolutely disgusting to take advantage of the needy. Period.

From: Amina

Date: November 29, 2011

WOW. I wish I had done more research before order the package. I watched the video and listened to the audio trying to figure out exactly what I would be doing, but all it is is a bunch of testimonials of people claiming they made their dreams come true with this system. I never says what the business is or how it works. I guess the coach will explain that when I speak to her but now that I have read the reviews I dont think it will be necessary. I will call her back and let her know that I am sending the package back. They charge 39.95 for an infomercial because that is all there is on the cd.

From: Annette Patterson

Date: November 29, 2011

I listened to the Sean Hannity show and he refers his listeners to this and so I tried it. I was unnerved by the fact that they don't tell you much going into it just collect your 10 bucks asap. I came to see it as just another multi level marketing b.s. with you at the bottom of it working for one of their so-called "business coaches". Mine called me off the hook trying to get me started so we had words and she was more than inpolite and said, well if you don't want to call me back then just send it back. I am sending it back today, the 14th day of the 15 days allotted before they charge me an additional \$39.95... Ill let you know how that goes :(

From: Leigh Wacker

Date: December 8, 2011

A total waste of money with this deceitful venture for the following reasons:

- 1) The call me leads are totally bogus and I've called OBS for a replacement and been denied. Also, the CML script is a total useless garbage.
- 2) The DP leads is better than the call me leads, but very rarely you sign people up. When the 15 days trial is up and you are ready to charge the \$39.95 DP, some of their credit card do not go through and we end up with the loss. You call these people back and they don't respond. All of the scripts including pre-bi and bi scripts are horrendous.
- 3) Also this is not a 2 hour/ day business there is no way you can operate 2 hours, that is another lye. Every month you are required to send out 25 DP which cost thousands of dollars/month part-time if full time 40 DP, it's non sense.
- 4) You are on calls everyday with OBS to listen to non-sense of people did such and such. It's all about testimonials.

Don't fall for this venture I would rather run a hot dog stand and sell hot dogs.

From: Andie

Date: December 12, 2011

Well I have been looking into these online businesses and this sounds just as phoney as the herbal life crap that they wanted me to spend 300 bucks to get started... They even tried to tell me that if a 16 year old kid can save his money to start so could I. hate to break it to anyone but a 16 year old kid doesn't have to pay for anything except maybe his lunch... The only money these people make is by selling the packets to other people.

From: Dan T.

Date: December 15, 2011

Stay away-stay away-stay away*! I just finished my call with some lady who is suppose to be my coach and found out it is Herbalife and that I had to pay \$399 to start and that after I have signed there would be another call. After I asked if there is an additional cost upfront, she paused and said it's an optional and that to understand this business it would be a step-by-step process. This is BS. WTF? I'm returning this useless piece of garbage package back. What a moron I am to almost fall for this crap!

From: Thomas H

Date: December 21, 2011

Honestly, I am appalled and disappointed with this whole entire program after reviewing the full Herbalife/OBS \$399.00 package kit and completing the online business training. Also, I have done my 3rd call with one of the coaches where I had felt pressured and ganged up by multiple coaches to do the 4000 VP supervisor order so I can be qualified as a supervisor with Herbalife at 50% discount by investing an extra \$3,300 and be stuck with a whole bunch of Herbalife products in my home and then do MLM by getting rid of the products, I don't think this makes logical sense and plus I don't see the ROI because to do this you have to purchase a minimum of 25 leads at \$3,000 extra/month. This is a SCAM by OBS and I'm telling you folks not to fall for this. I am returning the \$399 kit along with the business package so I can get my \$39.95 refund as well. Very misleading 23 people needed to work at home, what a non-sense.

From: Me

Date: January 9, 2012

Canceling my debit card tomorrow to avoid getting more charges. I got my kit today-its a booklet with cd's and stories. She called me this evening and i told her i would look at it tonight and she said that she had been tracking it and she though it would not come until tomorrow. She is supposed to call me back at 4 tomorrow. I am sad that I did not google this first, after reading all these reviews. I am sending it back right away. I am actually very frustrated that I fell for this. But-for future I will google! DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME.

From: Samantha

Date: January 25, 2012

I just off the phone with my "coach" and I was so disappointed when we hung up. I ordered the \$10 kit me and my husband watched the DVD and I listened to the Cd my coach schedules my appointment for today and I was excited to talk to him and get some questions answered and hopefully get the process started to making some money. My coach was very polite he asked me a few questions to see if I was right for the business and than had me listen to a recording which at the end said there are two different options you have to purchase to start the next step...the 2nd option is the one they want you to buy which is \$399!! I could feel all my excitement vanish and start to think this is a SCAM!! I told him Im not interested anymore and I'll be sending the book

at discs back! It was a waste of 10 bucks but at the same time a part of me is glad i looked into so I could warn people out there that this is a waste of time and money I wanted so bad to believe Hannity and all the hype surrounding this business but it turned into a dead end I am happy though that I was wise enough not to get any deeper in! Anybody out there looking into this save your money and time! As for me its back to looking for a real job

From: mom of 3

Date: February 2, 2012

Now I'm scared. I wish they had said up front there was a 399 dollar package to buy. I was wondering how I was going to come up with the 39 dollars within 10 days, that's how I broke I am – relentlessly broke, with no let up. 399 dollars? Can't happen now or ever. I've lost 10 bucks in mailing fees off my debit card, but maybe I'll be okay if I just send it all back. Geez, I wish I had read all of this first. Thanks for those who told the truth about the 399. That was all the info I needed to say, "Get me out of this." I was so hoping it was legit'. I needed the income so bad. :(I trusted Hannity that much that I let myself be taken in. Shame on Hannity.

From: This is a scam

Date: March 21, 2012

Chad is an employee for this company who pretends to be a legitimate success story..Its a scam. How many businesses tell you to pay 10.00 only to tell you the real amount is 399 after you pay those 10. A true business ""Partner"" will not deceive you that way to get order something only to disappoint most of you. They use this plot because the majority of the people would rather take the 10.00 loss instead of paying to ship it back. It does not cost 10\$ to ship that garbage but you pay 10\$ to hear stories and let a "Coach play a tape" Gimmie a break!!!Anyways... You're a fool to try this program

From: Lisa

Date: March 27, 2012

Sorry to the poor...obviously new coach...but after my \$9.95 got me some papers a cheap dvd that all said the same thing the website said. Then a phone call that finally tells you what the business actually is, my head sinks into my knees realizing how stupid I was to even try.

Fifteen days later a \$39.95 charge on my account because I didn't click on the website in the e-mail that directed you to the terms and conditions of not returning the cheap materials in 14 days. EVERYONE...the materials are USELESS, WASTE of time and MONEY. Closing my account, writing complaints, and never falling for these scams again.

From: Robert S.

Date: April 9, 2012

Why don't OBS ever be upfront with all the costs associated and what the business will entail instead of going through these ridiculous phases of scheduling calls and getting surprised? I did my call with one of the coach and hanged up. I understand to start a business requires upfront capital. Also, the CD and material was all bunch of useless information. Quite honestly, this is not a business it is nothing but a losing proposition where I agree with the previous reviewer that this will leave you broke and in debt.

I would rather have a kiosk stand at a mall selling other consumable goods instead of this pyramid MLM nonsense. Be careful and do your research before making a decision to go forward.

From: Candee

Date: July 16, 2012

I ordered the home business kit. (2 CD's that told you absolutely NOTHING except if you do this you'll be rich!!!) It never even tells you that it's just Herbalife. I sent my package back before the 90 days were up for my full Refund and I sent the package UPS so that I could have my return receipt. I emailed the "coach" Dan Rodgers, that was assigned to me and asked when my refund would be credited back to my card since it was debited from his name. He said the package was never returned, so I checked with UPS and in fact it hadn't, ONLY because when they tried to deliver it, they were told the business moved! I immediately let Dan Rodgers know this and asked if he even knew the company moved. He called and said the company did NOT move and that UPS just messes up. BULL CRAP!! SCAM. I am still trying to get my 40.00 re-imbursed. DO NOT FALL FOR THIS SCAM!!!! they use the BBB to say they are such a great company!!! I'm reporting this to the BBB as soon as I leave this post! do not fall for this. the website is <http://onlinebizsys.com/> SCAM SCAM SCAM!!!

From: beachgirl

Date: September 18, 2012

I received my package- my \$39.99 package plus \$9.99 shipping- and found it to be worthless- just testimonials of a cheesy guy with messy producted hair driving around in his Mercedes, and other folks placed in various lush settings, telling you how great it is to be successful- but not giving any disclosure as to how. You will not be anymore knowledgeable after reading and watching a DVD and listening to a audio CD. This was a total waste of time and money. there is nothing in the package worth 39.99. Meanwhile, there are disclosures flashing across the screen- now I am a very fast reader, but they do not stay up long enough for you to read them completely. After watching the DVD several times, i finally was able to read them- states that the” majority of the people do not make back their investment and the top 25% were compensated on average 2900.00 for the year 2011. So the DVD is saying one thing and the disclaimer another.

When I did talk to a “coach”, I was told it was Herbal Life, and that there would be another investment. The “coach ” sounded like she was reading from a script and eating at the same time- not impressed. For the \$399.00 start up package for Herbal Life- you get a month’s supply of vitamins, so you can try them out.

That is a lot of vitamins to take in a month! We started to have a” problem with the phone” when I started to question the deceptive nature of the business.

I will return my package.