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### Why Solar Panel Fraud Is Rising Globally?

The renewable energy boom has unintentionally fueled solar panel scams, with reported cases increasing by 45% in the U.S. alone since 2020. Fraudsters exploit public enthusiasm for green energy, often targeting homeowners through deceptive sales tactics or substandard installations. A 2023 FTC report revealed that 1 in 5 solar consultations in Australia now involve misleading claims about government rebates or system performance.

### Common Types of Solar Energy Scams

Low upfront cost traps offering "free" panels requiring 25-year leases

Counterfeit module certifications (fake UL or IEC labels)

High-pressure sales tactics with limited-time federal tax credit offers

### How to Detect Renewable Energy Scams

Ask yourself: Does the installer refuse to provide written ROI calculations? Are they pushing unverified "new technology" at suspiciously low prices? Legitimate companies like Huijue Group always disclose panel origins and warranty terms upfront. In Germany, strict regulations now mandate transparent efficiency disclosures - a model other countries should adopt.

"The average solar scam victim loses \$12,800 - equivalent to 65% of a standard residential system's cost." - Renewable Energy Consumer Protection Alliance

### The Red Flags You Can't Ignore

Watch for these warning signs:

- Salespersons claiming 100% energy independence
- Vague references to "partner contractors" for roof repairs
- Requests for full payment before permitting

### Protecting Your Investment in Solar Technology

Huijue Group's anti-fraud verification system has helped 12,000+ clients avoid solar fraud since 2021. Our three-step validation process examines:

1. Manufacturer track record (minimum 10 years operational history)
2. Local permit compliance status
3. Third-party performance guarantees

### Case Study: How California Homeowners Beat a \$3M Scam



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In 2022, San Diego County authorities uncovered a network selling recycled industrial inverters as residential-grade equipment. Victims received partial restitution through Huijue's forensic energy audit program - a service now replicated across 18 states.

## Q&A: Your Solar Security Checklist

### 1. How do I verify installer credentials?

Check licenses through platforms like NABCEP (U.S.) or MCS (UK), and demand recent project references.

### 2. Are unusually cheap quotes always scams?

Not necessarily, but prices below \$2.50/watt often indicate compromised components or hidden fees.

### 3. What if I've already been scammed?

Contact state energy boards within 60 days - 78% of cases filed promptly recover partial funds through warranty bonds.

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