

# SENIORS

# Beware of SCAMS



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Every day, scammers are targeting seniors. These con artists can be manipulative and convincing. Many people on a fixed income are losing hundreds or thousands of dollars.  
**Don't be a victim!**

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### **REMEMBER:**

- Scammers can easily find information about you on the Internet, including your name, address, and names of family members. They will use personal information to convince you that they are legitimate.
- Never give out personal information or credit card numbers to someone who calls you.
- You should be wary if someone asks to be paid by wire transfer, money order, or pre-paid gift card. This is a *huge* red flag!
- When in doubt, call to someone you trust to verify **before you send money.**

### **COMMON SCAMS**

- Scammers will pose as public servants such as police officers, court officials, or IRS agents. They may tell you that you have an arrest warrant for missing jury duty or failing to pay taxes. Don't believe them!
- Scammers may call pretending to be a young relative traveling out of the country. They will say they are in trouble and ask for money to get out of jail or to help them return to the U.S.
- Scammers will befriend seniors on online dating sites. Over time, they will begin asking for money to help with expenses.
- Scammers may say you have won a prize. If they ask for any money up front, it is a scam!