

SCAMS TARGETING SENIORS

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1 COMMON SCAMS

SWEEPSTAKES SCAM

You've won a contest! All you have to do is claim your prize by paying some fees or taxes in advance.

HOME IMPROVEMENT SCAM

Someone wants to work on your home, but needs to be paid before the job starts. Once you pay, the job is never done.

COMPUTER REPAIR SCAM

Someone reports your computer has a virus. You either have to allow them to access your computer remotely or you have to download a free program to fix it.

GRANDPARENT SCAM

Someone claiming to be your grandchild was injured, robbed, or arrested and needs money now.

ARREST SCAM

Someone claiming to be a police, lawyer, or IRS agent is arresting you for overdue taxes. You can avoid it by sending money.

DISTRACTION SCAM

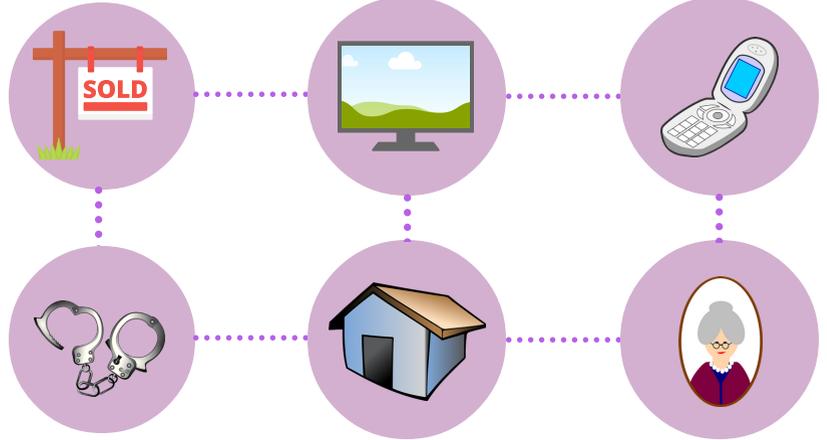
One scammer distracts the victim while the other scammer steals the victim's belongings.

FUNERAL SCAM

Someone sells a fake burial plot and puts their name on the check rather than the business's name.

INSURANCE SCAM

Someone poses as an insurance representative to capture personal information. They bill the insurance and pocket the money.



2 TIPS TO AVOID SCAMS

KNOW THE PERSON YOU ARE DEALING WITH

DONT ANSWER THE PHONE TO SOMEONE YOU DONT KNOW

BE CAUTIOUS WHEN GIVING OUT PERSONAL INFO

READ YOUR BANK STATEMENTS

DONT ALLOW STRANGERS IN YOUR HOME

3 REMEMBER, REPORT!



CALL YOUR BANK OR CREDIT CARD COMPANY

CALL THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

1-877-382-4357 TO FILE A COMPLAINT

CONTACT YOUR LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

MAKE AN 'IRS' SCAM REPORT

[HTTP://WWW.TREASURY.GOV/TIGTA](http://www.treasury.gov/tigta)