



Protecting Yourself Against Scams

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Top 10 Scams

CAUTION



SCAM
ALERT

- **IRS Scam**
- **Social Security / Medicare Scam**
- **Grandparent Scam**
- **Romance Scam**
- **Sweepstakes / Lottery Scam**
- **Tech Support / Computer Repair Scam**
- **Facebook Scam**
- **“Can You Hear Me?” Scam**
- **Home Repair / Unlicensed Contractor**
- **Robocalls / Unsolicited Phone Calls**

Techniques Used by Scam Artists



- IMPOSTERS pretend to be Government Agents (IRS, S.S.A., P.C. Jail)
- MANIPULATE Feelings & Emotions
- FORCE you make a Fast Decision/Threaten you
- DISGUISE their Phone Numbers, using Fake Caller ID's (Spoofing)
- ATTEMPT to obtain your Personal Information
- OFFER "Too Good to be True Opportunities"
- CONVINCED people to do things which are NOT LOGICAL (Pay in Gift Cards, Wire Transfers, Pay Taxes or Upfront Loan Payments)

How to Protect Yourself from SCAMS



- **UNDERSTAND** - Government (IRS, SSA) will NEVER:
 1. Call you, they Communicate via Certified Letter
 2. Never Threaten to ARREST you
 3. Force You to Pay Immediately while on the Phone.
 4. Request Payment in GIFT CARDS / WIRE TRANSFERS
- **VERIFICATION** - Call the Agency Directly
- **SPEAK** with a Trusted Advisor BEFORE making Financial Decisions
- **PROTECT** - Personal and Financial Information
- **NEVER** give someone REMOTE ACCESS to your computer
- **DON'T BE AFRAID** to Hang Up on Unsolicited Phone Calls

Thieves Targeting Elderly Women Wallets

NEWS / TAMPA

Two similar crimes, one week apart. Did the same women commit both?

Eight days after two women stole a wallet from an elderly woman shopping for groceries in St. Petersburg, a similar incident occurred in Tampa.



Little more than a week after two women robbed an elderly woman shopping for groceries in St. Petersburg and to purchase electronics and gift cards, a similar incident occurred in Tampa. [Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office; S

WFLA

Theft suspect wanted in multiple Tampa Bay counties

(WFLA) – The Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office is asking for the ... is a suspect in multiple thefts of wallets from elderly women at grocery ...

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FOX 13 Tampa Bay

St. Pete police search for thieves who ripped off 75-year-old shopper

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. - St. Petersburg police are looking for two smiling thieves who ripped off a 75-year-old woman who was shopping ...

1 month ago



How to Protect Yourself from Elderly Exploitation?



- **SELECT** a Power of Attorney with Integrity
- **SPEAK** with a Trusted Advisor before making Financial Decisions
- **SHRED** Personal Information and Financial Documents
- **SYSTEMATICALLY** check your Credit Report
Free Credit Report Annually through www.annualcreditreport.com
- **SCRUTINIZE ALL** Financial Statements especially **JOINT ACCOUNTS**
- **SECURE** Valuable Possessions

Resources

Florida Trade Commission Scam Alerts <https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/features/scam-alerts>

AARP Fraud Watch Network <https://aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/>

Better Business Bureau's Scam Tracker <https://bbb.org/scamtracker/us/>

US Postal Inspection Service <https://uspis.gov/tips-prevention/>

The US Department of Justice: Elder Justice Initiative <https://justice.gov/elderjustice>

Fighting Fraud: Top 10 Scams Targeting Our Nation's Seniors,
by Senator Susan M. Collins and Senator Robert Casey Jr.