

Protect Yourself From Common Scams

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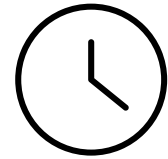
STAY SAFE FROM SCAMS

- End communication with scammers immediately.
- Avoid giving personal information, money, or valuables to unknown people or businesses.
- Don't rush—scammers create urgency to pressure you.
- Be careful with unexpected calls, mail, or service offers.
- If you are suspicious, hang up and call them back from your end based on the phone number you have



PROTECT YOUR DEVICES

- Keep antivirus and security software up to date.
- Use pop-up blockers and avoid clicking on suspicious messages.
- Don't download files or open emails from unknown senders.
- Don't click on unknown links.



ACT FAST

- Establish a family codeword only you and your loved ones know.
- Look up suspicious offers or contacts online to check for scams.
- Notify your bank if your information is stolen and monitor your accounts for unusual activity.

RESOURCES

Identity theft:

Eldercare Locator: 1-800-677-1116

National Elder Fraud Hotline: 833-372-8311

Resource Consumer Alerts

To report fraud or file a complaint, visit [MyFloridaLegal.com](https://www.myfloridalegal.com) or call 1(866)-9NO-SCAM

Local Law Enforcement:

Leon County Sheriff's Department: 850-606-3300

Tallahassee Police Department: 850-891-4200



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Romance scam: Criminals pose as interested romantic partners on social media or dating websites.



Tech support scam: Criminals pose as technology support representatives and offer to fix non-existent computer issues. The scammers gain remote access to victims' devices and sensitive information.



Grandparent scam: Criminals pose as a relative—usually a child or grandchild—claiming to be in immediate financial need or in danger or legal trouble.



Government impersonation scam: Criminals pose as government employees or IRS agents and threaten to arrest or prosecute victims unless they agree to provide funds or other payments.



Sweepstakes/charity/lottery scam: Criminals claim to work for legitimate charitable organizations and claim their targets have won a foreign lottery or sweepstake, which they can collect for a “fee.”



Home repair scam: Criminals appear in person and charge homeowners in advance for home improvement services that they never provide.



TV/radio scam: Criminals target potential victims using illegitimate advertisements about legitimate services, such as reverse mortgages or credit repair.



Family/caregiver scam: Relatives or acquaintances take victims of their position of trust or access to financial information.

