



PROTECT YOURSELF FROM TODAY'S MOST COMMON SCAMS



A Guide for Seniors, Caregivers & Families

Criminals target older adults every day—because they may have savings, good credit, own their homes, or may be more trusting. **Knowledge is your best defense.**

18 COMMON SCAMS TARGETING SENIORS



1 GRANDPARENT SCAM

Scammers pretend to be a grandchild or relative in trouble and ask for money urgently.



2 MEDICARE SCAM

Scammers claim to be from Medicare and ask for your personal or Medicare information.



3 SOCIAL SECURITY SCAM

Scammers pretend to be from Social Security and threaten your benefits or arrest.



4 TECH SUPPORT SCAM

They claim your computer has a virus and need remote access to fix it.



5 ROMANCE SCAM

Scammers build online relationships and ask for money once trust is gained.



6 SWEEPSTAKES OR LOTTERY SCAM

You're told you've won a prize but must pay fees or taxes first.



7 IRS OR TAX SCAM

Scammers claim you owe taxes and threaten arrest if you don't pay immediately.



8 CHARITY SCAM

Fake charities ask for donations for disasters, veterans, or other causes.



9 HOME REPAIR SCAM

Uninvited contractors offer services and charge high prices for poor or no work.



10 INVESTMENT SCAM

Promises of high returns, guaranteed profits, and "secret" opportunities to steal your money.



11 FUNERAL & CEMETERY SCAM

Scammers exploit families with fake bills or cemetery fees after a loss.



12 BANK IMPERSONATION SCAM

Scammers pretend to be your bank to get login credentials or verification codes.



13 UTILITY COMPANY SCAM

They threaten to shut off service unless you pay immediately.



14 CAREGIVER FINANCIAL ABUSE

A trusted caregiver steals money, makes unauthorized purchases, or isolates you.



15 GIFT CARD SCAM

You're told to buy gift cards and share the numbers as payment.



16 ONLINE MARKETPLACE SCAM

Fake buyers or sellers send fake payments or ask for codes.



17 AI VOICE CLONE SCAM

Scammers use AI to clone a loved one's voice asking for emergency help.



18 DAILY MONEY MANAGER / FIDUCIARY SCAM

Someone offers financial help but takes control of your accounts.



STOP • THINK • VERIFY
NEVER LET URGENCY MAKE YOUR DECISION.

When in doubt,
slow down and
ask someone
you trust.

