

# Senior Safety: Fraud and Scam Prevention



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Join us for an informative session on fraud and scam prevention strategies for seniors.

## BOTTOM LINE

Scammers might catch investors' attention by advertising their app as "convenient" and "safe." But, in reality, there is nothing convenient or safe about getting your money stolen. Anyone can easily create a platform that promotes unregistered securities and advertise it as a safe, legitimate opportunity.

**To protect yourself from investment scams, always do your research on the investment and the entity offering it.**



## RED FLAGS

■ An app guarantees high percentage returns on investments.

■ An investing app has no ratings/reviews, or it has negative ratings/reviews.

■ An app advertises investment opportunities as risk-free, low risk, or guaranteed.

■ An investing app promotes itself as an opportunity to earn passive income or offers referral bonuses to get others involved.

■ There is online discussion about the app causing investor losses or being an investment scam.



# ARE YOU AN INFORMED INVESTOR? MOBILE APP SCAMS

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*Safeguard Your Investments*

# DEEPCODE MEDIA SCAMS

Scams targeting Americans are surging.



Since 2020, the FBI has received  
**4.2 million+ reports of fraud.**  
That's **\$50.5 billion in losses.**



Imposter scams in particular are on the rise in the age of artificial intelligence (AI). Criminals are using deepfakes, or media that is generated or manipulated by AI, to gain your trust and scam you out of your hard-earned money.

**Deepfakes can be altered images, videos or audio. They may depict people you know — including friends and family — or public figures including celebrities, government officials and law enforcement.**

## HOW TO DETECT A DEEPCODE



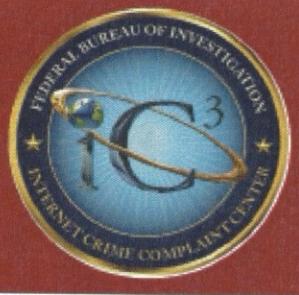
### LOOK FOR INCONSISTENCIES:

- Are any of the facial features blurry or distorted?
- Does the person blink too much or too little?
- Do the hair and teeth look real?
- Are the audio and video out of sync?
- Is the voice tone flat or unnatural?
- Does the visual show odd or unnatural shadows or lighting?





# FBI FRAUD ALERT



If you or a loved one were solicited through a computer pop-up, social media site, dating site, text, email, or phone call by someone you have never met, and answer “YES” to one of the following questions, **you may have been targeted by a SCAM.**

- Have you been asked to invest in cryptocurrency or in gold futures?
- Has someone claiming to be a bank or government agency requested money, or for you to liquidate your accounts, in order to clear you of a crime or secure your accounts?
- Has someone claiming to be a tech or customer support representative requested money to remove a virus or child pornography from your computer or secure your account?
- Has someone contacted you claiming a family member is in danger or jail, and you must send money now to avoid further harm?
- Has someone you never met claimed to be romantically interested in you but requests you send them money or something else of value?
- Have you ever been directed to withdraw cash to purchase gold or silver bars to give someone else?
- Has someone sent individuals to your home or directed you to meet in a public place to drop off or pick up money, or other items of value, to deliver to an unknown person?
- Has someone asked you to obtain cash to either purchase gift cards or deposit in a cryptocurrency ATM—or given you a QR code to deposit money into an ATM?

If you answered “YES” to any of these questions, please go to  
[www.ic3.gov](http://www.ic3.gov)

for additional resources or to file a complaint with the FBI  
INTERNET CRIME COMPLAINT CENTER (IC3).

Persons 60 and older may call the National Elder Fraud Hotline at  
[\(833\) 372-8311](tel:8333728311) for assistance in filing with IC3.