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Common Signs of Scams

Scams targeting older adults are on the rise thanks to technology and advances in artificial intelligence that are making it easier for scammers to contact and deceive others.



Most Commons Scams

1. **Phone, Email, & Web scams** that ask for personal information
2. **Grandparent scams** use AI to replicate voices of grandchildren needing help.
3. **Romance scams** build emotional relationships to ask for money.
4. **Contractor scams** that ask for money before work is complete

Know the Warning Signs

- **Pressuring** you to act immediately
- **Requesting** payment through gift cards or wire transfers.
- **Telling** you not to contact family members.
- **Demanding** secrecy.
- **Asking** for banking information.
- **Claiming** you won a prize but you must pay fees first.

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Did you get scammed?

These resources can help.

Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

Avoiding and reporting scams

consumer.ftc.gov/scams

(877) 382-4357

Elder Abuse Helpline

Concerned persons hotline

elderabuse.weill.cornell.edu

(844)746-6905

Division of Consumer Protection

Consumer protection resources

dos.ny.gov/consumer-protection

(800) 697-1220

New York State Office for the Aging

Elder abuse and aging resources

aging.ny.gov

(800) 342-9871

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Beware of Scammers:

What Seniors Need to Know to Protect Themselves

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Attorney General's Office

Phone scams and consumer complaints

ag.ny.gov

(800) 771-7755

NYS Office of Victim Services

Victim assistance

ovs.ny.gov/help-crime-victims

(800) 247-8035