

AARP's Fraud Watch Network can help you spot and avoid scams. Sign up for free "Watchdog Alerts", review our scam-tracking map, or call our toll-free helpline, 877-908-3360 if you or a loved one suspect you've been a victim.



# FraudWatch Newsletter



**The Criminal Use of Authority:** A Sheridan resident received a call at their work-place from someone claiming to be a police officer. After asking for the resident's name, the caller said there was a warrant for their arrest for missing jury duty and demanded \$3,500 to clear it, even providing a badge number and confirming past addresses to sound legitimate. Suspicious, the resident put the call on speaker and, on their manager's advice, drove to the police department. The caller became agitated and warned them not to go to the station, which confirmed it was a scam. Police reported they had received eight similar complaints that day and believe scammers are targeting businesses and whoever answers the phone first.



**Start Your Year Off Safe – Resource Recommendation from CyberWyoming:** As we step into a new year, it's the perfect time to refresh your habits, including your online security. Start the year off right by testing your knowledge with the Identity Theft Resource Center's (ITRC) Cyber-Hygiene Quiz and discover simple steps to strengthen your online safety in 2026. Take the quiz! – <https://www.idtheftcenter.org/are-you-cyber-safe/>



**Do Not Call Registry:** Did you get a new phone and phone number over the holidays? Remember, you can register it with the National Do Not Call Registry to reduce unwanted telemarketing calls at <https://www.donotcall.gov/>. You can register both home and mobile numbers for free. While registration stops most telemarketing calls, some organizations such as charities, political groups, debt collectors, and survey companies may still contact you. – *Brought to you by CISA Region 8, serving Wyoming*

Call The Wyoming Senior Medicare Patrol for assistance with potential Medicare fraud or abuse at 1-800-856-4398

## Information and resources to help you with...

- **Find resources and information around VA benefits, health, caregiving, fraud and employment for retired and active-duty military and their families by going to [aarp.org/veterans](http://aarp.org/veterans) or calling our toll-free nationwide phone number 1-888-OUR-AARP (1-888-687-2277).**
- **Family caregiving:** Call the Caregiving Resource Center for a free Prepare to Care Guide (1-877-333-5885).
- **Fraud and scams:** Call the AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline toll-free (1-877-908-3360).

## CyberWyoming Alliance

Please report your scams to:

[phishing@cyberwyoming.org](mailto:phishing@cyberwyoming.org)

307-223-1265



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CyberWyoming Alliance's goal is for Wyoming to be the most cyber-secure state in the nation. To do this, we know that cybersecurity efforts have to be local, trusted, and grassroots in nature.

## **If abuse, neglect, abandonment, intimidation or financial exploitation of an older adult is occurring, report it to Adult Protective Services.**

### **Basics of what DFS/APS can do:**

- If an abuse/neglect case is reported and opened, an APS Caseworker will respond within 24-72 hours, depending on immediate danger or impending harm.
- APS is mandated by statute to notify law enforcement.
- An APS Caseworker will interview the vulnerable adult to determine the facts of the situation.
- APS works with the vulnerable adult regarding availability of community services he/she is agreeable to receive in order to ensure his/her safety.

### **Basics of what DFS/APS cannot do:**

- APS cannot force anyone to accept help, adults have the right to refuse.
- APS cannot force anyone to reside in a nursing home, APS is committed to keeping vulnerable adults as safe as possible, in their own homes.

### **How to make a report:**

Call (307)777-7564 or click on [dfs.wyo.gov/about/contact-us/](https://dfs.wyo.gov/about/contact-us/)  
This is a link with contact information to each community in Wyoming that has a DFS office. APS abuse/neglect reports can also be made by contacting law enforcement in the community where the abuse is taking place.



**WYOMING DEPARTMENT  
OF FAMILY SERVICES**

*Safe at home • Giving families opportunities for success • Supporting the people who support the families*



**THEN & NOW**

Being online is part of everyday life, at any age. And just like buckling your seat belt or locking your door, a few smart habits can go a long way in keeping you safe online.

Start learning today with our new *Then & Now Workbook* and e-learning website.

[ThenAndNow.info](https://ThenAndNow.info)

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