

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



Spotting Work-From-Home Scams: Many work-from-home job listings that promise high pay with little experience are scams, which have surged since 2020, causing losses to jump from \$90 million to \$501 million by 2024, according to the FTC. Scammers often mimic real companies or invent fake ones, sometimes asking for upfront fees or using you to launder money, and may even send checks to cover "expenses." To stay safe, verify job listings through official company channels, research the employer online, ask detailed questions about pay and requirements, and never share personal or financial information until the offer is confirmed legitimate. — Brought to you by AARP FraudWatch Network



The Mystery Maintenance Contract: A citizen reported receiving a scam email from someone using the name "Patrick" with an Outlook email address. The email subject was "annual maintenance contract renewed" (note the misspelling) and falsely claimed to confirm a subscription renewal but did not specify any company or what the subscription was for. It stated that a three-year service term had been processed for \$449.99 and provided a customer support phone number for questions.



Friendly Faces, Dangerous Links: A Wyoming business reported a phishing scam in which an email appeared to come from a coworker's legitimate email address and invited recipients to click a link to "Review PDF." After identifying it as fraudulent, the business sent a warning to potentially affected employees advising that the message was not authorized and instructing them not to respond, click links, or download attachments.

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 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

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/
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.



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