

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



Fake URLs You Can't Spot: Homograph attacks are a more convincing form of phishing in which scammers create fake URLs that look identical to legitimate ones by substituting letters with look-alike characters from other alphabets, especially Cyrillic. What this looks like? Think **amazon.com** versus **amazon.com**— it still looks like an "a" and can pass as perfect copies of sites like Amazon or a victim's bank. When clicked, they lead to cloned websites designed to steal login credentials. Spotting homograph scams can be extremely difficult. Skip the link and type in the company's official web address. — *Malwarebytes*



How AI is Automating Romance and Crypto Scams: AI is increasingly being used to automate and enhance romance and crypto scams by making them faster, more scalable, and more convincing. Instead of inventing new fraud tactics, scammers use AI to automate conversations, personalize messages, and manage many victims at once, strengthening trust and perceived legitimacy. AI-generated profiles, tailored emotional responses, realistic investment explanations, fake dashboards, and even deepfake images, audio, or video all help reduce suspicion and increase credibility. By analyzing public data, AI also helps scammers identify and target vulnerable individuals more efficiently. Overall, AI lowers operational risk for criminals while amplifying harm, highlighting the need for stronger education, detection, and cross-sector collaboration to counter these evolving threats. — *Brought to you by FightCybercrime.org*

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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A graphic for the 'Then & Now' cybersecurity awareness campaign. It features a blue and purple gradient background. At the top, the text 'THEN & NOW' is displayed with a magnifying glass icon over the word 'NOW'. Below this, a quote reads: '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.' In the center, there is an illustration of an elderly couple. The woman, on the left, is wearing a purple turtleneck and glasses, and is waving. The man, on the right, is wearing a red jacket over a blue shirt and glasses, and is giving a thumbs up. At the bottom left, text says: 'Start learning today with our new Then & Now Workbook and e-learning website.' Below this is a button that says 'ThenAndNow.info' with a mouse cursor icon pointing at it. In the bottom right corner, the text 'NATIONAL CYBERSECURITY AWARENESS' is visible.