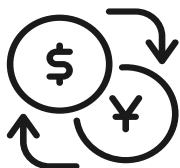


AARP's Fraud Watch Network can help you spot and avoid scams. Sign up for free "Watchdog Alerts", review our scam-tracking map, or call our toll-free helpline, 877-908-3360 if you or a loved one suspect you've been a victim.



FraudWatch Newsletter



The New Year is the perfect time to take control of your finances — but beware of criminal scammers offering quick fixes that are too good to be true. Scammers often exploit financial stress by promising instant relief or quick results to become debt-free. These schemes typically involve up-front fees, bad advice like avoiding your creditors, or vague claims about what services they actually provide. Before committing to a debt relief service and providing your sensitive personal information, research reviews and check for complaints with organizations like the Better Business Bureau to ensure their credibility. If you need help getting out of debt, turn to an organization like the Nonprofit National Foundation for Credit Counseling.



Over one-third of U.S. adults who have bought something through an ad on their social media feed report being defrauded, according to a new AARP survey. Don't let scammers advertise their way into your wallet this new year; here are three tips to stay ahead of social media shopping scams.

- Don't click on the ad. If the ad appears to be from a known retailer, type the address into your browser or use the retailer's app. Scammers can impersonate legitimate retailers, and clicking on the ad could bring you to a copycat site.
- Read reviews and research. If the ad is from a retailer you're unfamiliar with, verify the site's legitimacy. Research the company and check for complaints with organizations like the Better Business Bureau.
- Check the product quality. Be wary of bait-and-switch scams where you receive a product inferior to what was advertised (or you receive nothing at all). If this happens, you can contact your credit card company to dispute the charge.

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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2/5 - LUSK SENIOR CENTER	1-2PM
2/5 - WORLAND FAIRGROUNDS	4-5PM
2/6 - PINEDALE RENDEZVOUS POINT	11AM - NOON
2/7- ROCK RIVER FIRE HALL	10:30 - 11:30 AM
2/8- BASIN/GREYBULL BASIN FAIRGROUNDS	10 - 11AM
2/13 - MOORCROFT OLD SCHOOL BUILDING	11AM- NOON
2/15- GUERNSEY TOWN HALL	12PM-1PM
2/15- KAYCEE HAROLD JARRAD PARK	9AM- 10AM
2/15 - ROCK SPRINGS WHITE MOUNTAIN MALL	1-2PM
2/18 - BUFFALO JOHNSON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS	NOON- 1PM
2/20 - NEWCASTLE WESTON FAIRGROUNDS	11 AM - NOON
2/21 - WRIGHT MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING	1-2 PM
2/24 - FORT WASHAKIE POWWOW GROUNDS	NOON- 1 PM
2/24- ARAPAHO SCHOOL	NOON- 1 PM
2/27 - SHERIDAN FAIRGROUNDS	9- 10 AM