

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



Holiday Duplicates?: A Laramie resident reported receiving a scam text from a 203 (Connecticut) number claiming to be from Amazon. The message stated that a duplicate order had been detected on their account and urged them to click a link to resolve the issue, warning of additional charges or shipping delays if not addressed. The recipient checked their Amazon account and found no duplicate orders. *CyberWyoming Note: Scams like this tend to increase during the holiday season, making it easier for attackers to exploit confusion or urgency. Always verify suspicious messages by checking your accounts directly through official websites or apps to avoid falling victim to phishing attempts.*



Gift Card Scam: Pastor or Pretender?: A Laramie resident reported receiving a scam text from someone impersonating their pastor by name. The text asked them to buy \$600 worth of Apple gift cards, in three \$200 denominations, and send pictures of the card codes after peeling off the packaging. The scammer promised to reimburse them with cash or check. Luckily, they did not fall for the scam and realized it wasn't really their pastor after further communication. Several other members of their church received similar scam messages. The texts followed a pattern, urging the victim to buy the cards and send the codes for a quick pick-up later. *CyberWyoming Note: Always verify requests for money or gift cards by directly contacting the person through a trusted method, such as a phone call, to ensure the request is legitimate. Be cautious of urgent or overly specific requests, especially involving gift cards, as these are common tactics used in scams. It's also helpful to have a "cyber buddy," someone you can trust to check suspicious messages or incidents, particularly for older individuals who may be more vulnerable to these types of scams.*

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...

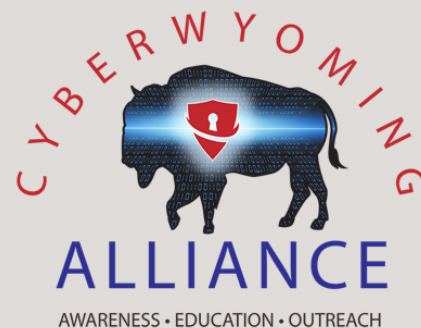
- **Find resources and information around VA benefits, health, caregiving, fraud and employment for retired and active-duty military and their families by going to aarp.org/veterans or calling our toll-free nationwide phone number 1-888-OUR-AARP (1-888-687-2277).**
- **Family caregiving:** Call the Caregiving 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



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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1/3- ROCK RIVER FIRE HALL	10:30 -11:30 AM
1/7- LYMAN BRIDGER VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH	4-5 PM
1/8 - LUSK SENIOR CENTER	1-2AM
1/9 - MOORCROFT OLD SCHOOL BUILDING	11AM- NOON
1/10 - HANNAH REC CENTER	10 -11AM
1/11 - BASIN/GREYBULL BASIN FAIRGROUNDS	10 -11AM
1/16 - NEWCASTLE WESTON FAIRGROUNDS	11 AM -NOON
1/17 - WRIGHT MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING	1-2 PM
1/18 - KAYCEE HAROLD JARRARD PARK	9-10 AM
1/18 - ROCK SPRINGS WHITE MOUNTAIN MALL	1-2PM
1/21 - BUFFALO JOHNSON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS	NOON-1PM
1/22 - MARBLETON ENCANA SHELTER	1-2PM
1/23 - SHERIDAN FAIRGROUNDS	9-10 AM
1/27 - ARAPAHO SCHOOL	NOON-1 PM
1/27 - FORT WASHAKIE POWWOW GROUNDS	NOON-1 PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 303-371-9250