

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



Help Protect Loved Ones from Scams - The impact of elder financial abuse is significant. While it can involve trusted individuals like caregivers or family members, scams by strangers are also a major threat. In 2024 alone, the Federal Trade Commission estimated that criminals stole as much as \$81.5 billion from adults age 60 and over. Small steps can help prevent financial exploitation. Encourage older adults in your life to add a trusted contact to their financial accounts. This person can't make transactions but can be alerted to suspicious activity or if the account holder can't be reached. Freezing credit can help prevent unauthorized accounts from being opened in their name. You can also reduce exposure to phone-based scams by setting up robocall and text blockers through mobile carriers or trusted apps. Small actions like these can make a big difference in protecting financial well-being.



Steer Clear of Traffic Violation Scams - After toll road scams spread last summer, a new version is surging—texts claiming you owe money for a traffic or parking violation. These messages often include an official-looking notice offering a court date or a small fine (around \$6), with a QR code for immediate payment to avoid penalties. They may mention your location or use fake case numbers to appear legitimate and create a sense of urgency. If an unexpected message like this sparks strong emotions and demands urgency, treat it as a potential scam. *Report the message as spam and avoid responding, clicking links or scanning QR codes. If you think the claim may be real, contact the court or agency directly using trusted contact information.*

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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JULY 2 - PINEDALE - RENDEVOUS POINT	10AM
JULY 3 - ROCK RIVER FIRE HALL	10:30AM
JULY 7 - LYMAN BRIDGET VALLEY BAPTIST	4PM
JULY 11 - BASIN - BIG HORN FAIRGROUNDS	11AM
JULY 16 - NEWCASTLE, WESTON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS	11AM
JULY 17 - WRIGHT MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING	11:30AM
JULY 18 - KAYCEE HJ PARK	9AM
JULY 18 - ROCK SPRINGS WHITE MOUNTAIN MALL	11:30AM
JULY 21 - BUFFALO JOHNSON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS	NOON
JULY 27 - SHERIDAN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS	9AM
JULY 27 - WIND RIVER RESERVATION - ARAPAHOE SCHOOL	NOON
JULY 27 - WIND RIVER RESERVATION - ES TRIBAL HEALTH	NOON

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