

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



**Travel Scams to Know About Before You Book** - Summer travel season is here, and while you're planning your next getaway, criminals are looking for ways to steal your money or personal information. Some scams involve fake travel booking sites offering "exclusive" deals or low-cost trips. A rental car search may lead you to a copycat website with below-market prices, or a vacation rental host may ask you to pay outside the trusted platform. As with other things, be cautious of steeply discounted offers. Avoid search terms like "cheap" which can produce more scam results. *Before booking with an unfamiliar travel site, search the company's name along with words like "scam," "complaint," or "review" to learn about others' experiences. And use a credit card to book travel for added protection. Learn how to spot and avoid scams with AARP Fraud Watch Network™. Suspect a scam? Call our free helpline at 877-908-3360 and talk to one of our fraud specialists about what to do next.*



**Moving Scams, More Than Your Stuff at Stake** - Summer is peak moving season, and who you hire matters. Criminals often advertise low prices and provide unusually cheap estimates—sometimes without even seeing your belongings. Once hired, they may demand a cash deposit or full payment up front, raise the price at the last minute, or hold your belongings hostage until you pay more. In some cases, they never show up at all. *To help avoid scams and find a reputable mover, get written estimates from multiple companies and research each one carefully. Check reviews and verify credentials before hiring. With so much to manage during a move, choosing the right moving company is one detail worth sweating.*

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](http://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'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/](https://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.



**WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY SERVICES**

*Safe at home • Giving families opportunities for success • Supporting the people who support the families*



**FIGHTING HUNGER. FEEDING HOPE.**  
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**Mobile Food Pantries Coming To Your Area:**

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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    |

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CHECK OUT [WYOMINGFOODBANK.ORG/FIND-FOOD](https://WYOMINGFOODBANK.ORG/FIND-FOOD)  
 OR CALL 1-877-265-2172.