

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



Pastor Impostor Hits Inbox: A Big Horn resident reported receiving a scam email from someone claiming to be "Pastor James Williams," with the subject line containing the reporter's name. The email requested discreet assistance, stating the sender could not take calls and asking for a reply. The message included a real Sheridan, WY church address, which initially gave it credibility. The reporter verified the address through the church's website and contacted an associate, who confirmed the email was a scam. The reporter noted that the email matched patterns seen in similar previous scams and did not target them specifically due to church affiliation. *CyberWyoming Note: This is a common scam tactic in which fraudsters impersonate authority figures and instruct you not to call, aiming to prevent verification. Always independently verify the sender's identity, avoid clicking on links or sharing personal information or money, and report any suspicious emails. Don't hesitate to contact official sources directly to confirm legitimacy.*



Phony Fees Ahead: A Laramie resident received a scam text from an Indonesian number (+62). The message, also sent to similar phone numbers, falsely claimed to be an "E-ZPazz Unpaid Toll Reminder." It threatened late fees, account suspension, registration restrictions, and credit damage if payment wasn't made that day, and included a suspicious shortened payment link. *CyberWyoming Note: Scammers often create a false sense of urgency by giving short deadlines and threatening severe consequences to pressure quick action. Never click on suspicious links and always verify directly with the official agency or service instead.*

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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