

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



Misleading Mailer: A Laramie resident received a letter in the mail from Payne Richards & Associates titled "Standard Recovery Agreement," claiming they had located unclaimed funds from a previous state of residence. The letter requested sensitive personal information (birth date and SSN) and imposed a 14-day deadline to claim the funds, along with a required "finder's fee." Although the company is listed as legitimate with the BBB, the offer seemed predatory. The resident confirmed with the state's Unclaimed Property office that such funds are indeed available, but they emphasized that claiming them directly through official state channels is free and straightforward. The state office noted that while Payne Richards isn't an outright scam, their practices are misleading and potentially exploitative. *CyberWyoming Note: To avoid unnecessary fees and risk, residents should search for and claim unclaimed funds directly through Wyoming's Unclaimed Property site (<https://statetreasurer.wyo.gov/unclaimed-property/>).*



Military ID Mystery: A Laramie resident reported receiving a suspicious text from an unknown Alaska area code. The message was incoherent, referencing the USGS, military ID, and repeating phrases like "lasd." Following the confusing text, the sender sent a photo of a U.S. Armed Forces ID card, suggesting a possible scam attempt involving impersonation of military personnel. *CyberWyoming Note: If you receive incoherent messages or unsolicited images claiming to be from military personnel, do not respond or click on any links. Report the number and block it immediately. Scammers often impersonate officials to gain trust and extract personal information or money.*

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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AUG 9 - BASIN, FAIRGROUNDS,	10A-12P
AUG 16 - KAYCEE, HAROLD JARRARD PARK	9-11A
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AUG 28 - SHERIDAN, FAIRGROUNDS	9-11A

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