

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



Grandparent Scam Is Still Around: You get a call from a panicked grandchild or other family member. They say they're in a time-sensitive crisis and beg for immediate financial help. They may hand the phone over to someone they say is a police officer, lawyer or court official who provides detailed instructions for sending money via gift card, wire transfer, cryptocurrency or cash. This is the beginning of the grandparent scam, and it's more sophisticated than ever. But there is no emergency, it's a setup to steal your money. If you receive a call like this, verify the situation by contacting your loved one directly using a number you know is theirs. If you receive an unexpected communication that puts you into a state of high emotion and involves urgency, let that be your signal to take an "active pause." Wyoming AARP and CyberWyoming Alliance recommend keeping a family password to bypass the drama. If you get a panicked call, just ask for the family password. If they don't know it, hang up.



Cloudy with a Chance of Scammers: A Laramie resident reported a scam email with the subject "Final Notice," falsely claiming to be from a generic "Cloud" that seemed to be impersonating Apple's iCloud. The message warned that the user's cloud data would be deleted due to a failed payment and urged them to update their billing information, stating there was a deadline which was the same day the email was sent. The email included suspicious attachments titled "noname.html" and was sent from a questionable address ending in "mimtechstone[dot]us," indicating it was a phishing attempt. *CyberWyoming note: Always verify the sender's email address and never click on suspicious attachments or links, especially in urgent messages demanding payment updates. When in doubt, contact the company directly through official channels.*

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 7 - PINEDALE, RENDEZVOUS POINT	11A-1P
AUG 9 - BASIN, FAIRGROUNDS,	10A-12P
AUG 16 - KAYCEE, HAROLD JARRARD PARK	9-11A
AUG 19 - BUFFALO, FAIRGROUNDS COMMUNITY BUILDING	12-2PM
AUG 25 - ROCK SPRINGS, WHITE MOUNTAIN MALL	11:30A-1P
AUG 28 - ARAPAHOE SCHOOL	12-2PM
AUG 28 - FORT WASHAKIE, EASTERN SHOSHONI TRIBAL HEALTH	12-2PM
AUG 28 - SHERIDAN, FAIRGROUNDS	9-11A

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