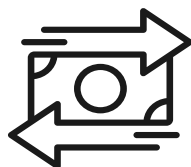




AARP's Fraud Watch Network can help you spot and avoid scams. Sign up for free "Watchdog Alerts", review our scam-tracking map, or call our toll-free helpline, 877-908-3360 if you or a loved one suspect you've been a victim.



# FraudWatch Newsletter



**The impact of elder financial abuse is profound.** While abuse can come from known perpetrators like caregivers or family members, scams carried out by strangers are also a major threat. In fact, the Federal Trade Commission estimated that criminals stole as much as \$61.5 billion from adults age 60 and over in 2023 alone. It's a timely reminder that we can take steps to prevent the financial exploitation of older adults. Encourage older adults in your life to add a trusted contact to their financial accounts. This person won't have access to make transactions but can be notified if there's suspicious activity or if the account holder can't be reached. Freezing credit is an important way to prevent unauthorized accounts from being opened in their name. Additionally, help reduce exposure to phone-based scams by setting up robocall and text message blockers through their mobile carriers or reputable apps. *CyberWyoming has a video and a PPTX/PDF we recorded for the Epson Center for Seniors about how to put a freeze on your credit.*



**Google to Use AI to Block Tech Support Scam Sites in Chrome:** Google has announced it will use AI to block tech support scam websites in Chrome, starting with version 137. While users can already enable Enhanced Protection under Settings > Privacy and security > Security > Safe Browsing, Google will now extend this protection to all users by default, without requiring them to opt in. The on-device AI will detect scam behavior in real-time, helping stop threats that appear and disappear quickly. – *Brought to you by MalwareBytes*

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...

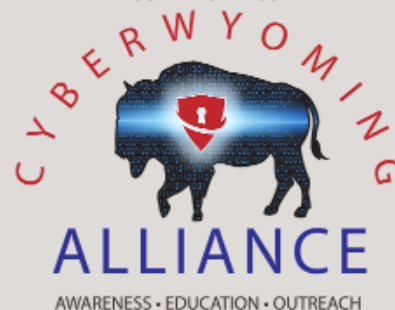
- **Find resources and information around VA benefits, health, caregiving, fraud and employment for retired and active-duty military and their families by going to [aarp.org/veterans](https://aarp.org/veterans) or calling our toll-free nationwide phone number 1-888-OUR-AARP (1-888-687-2277).**
- **Family 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](mailto: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/](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.




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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
BUFFALO: 19TH - FAIRGROUNDS COMMUNITY BUILDING,	12-2PM
ROCK SPRINGS: 25TH - WHITE MOUNTAIN MALL,	11:30A-1P
RES N.A.: 25TH - ARAPAHOE SCHOOL,	12-2PM
RES E.S.: 28TH - EASTERN SHOSHONI TRIBAL HEALTH, FT. WASHAKIE,	12-2PM
SHERIDAN: 28TH - FAIRGROUNDS,	9A-11A

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OR CALL 1-877-265-2172.

