

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



**Beware of Toll Payment Scam:** A Laramie resident received a scam text from a Canadian number (343 area code) claiming to be a toll payment reminder. The message warned that failure to pay tolls by March 19, 2025, would result in penalties such as vehicle registration suspension, additional fines, and a negative impact on credit score. The text included a suspicious link [.gy website domain], urging immediate action. *CyberWyoming Note: This type of scam creates a false sense of urgency and fear to pressure recipients into taking quick action without thinking. This type of scam has been frequently reported and covered nationally, so always verify messages through official channels, report any suspicious texts, delete them, and ensure your personal information is secure.*



**The importance of checks to scammers:** Several scams rely on convincing the target to deposit a check as a first step of the crime. They then convince the target to use the money in a specific way. For example, in some work-from-home scams, the "company" will send a check for deposit, and then once it "clears", they direct the target to purchase needed office equipment from the company's "catalogue". The catch? The check was fake and it bounced, and the equipment catalogue was fake, too. The money the target spent on "equipment" came from their own money. And, the equipment never comes. Even though a check deposit may appear to be cleared on your banking app or website, the process can take several weeks. The criminals rely on most of us not knowing this, so they get us to deposit and then quickly transact against the deposit. When the check is determined to be fake, the target is out that money. Be suspicious anytime someone wants to send a check that you then must act on with some immediacy – making purchases, paying a fee or sending funds to a third party for example.

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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APRIL 1 - BRIDGER VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH	4-7 PM
APRIL 2 - WORLAND FAIRGROUNDS	4-6 PM
APRIL 3 - PINEDALE RENDEZVOUS POINT,	11A-1PM
APRIL 4 - ROCK RIVER, 321 AVENUE D	10:30 AM-12:30PM
APRIL 12 - BASIN FAIRGROUNDS	10 AM - NOON
APRIL 15 - BUFFALO FAIRGROUNDS COMMUNITY BUILDING	12-2PM
APRIL 19 - KAYCEE HAROLD JARRARD PARK	9-11 AM
APRIL 24 - FT. WASHAKIE, E. SHOSHONI TRIBAL HEALTH	12-2PM
APRIL 24 - SHERIDAN FAIRGROUNDS	9-11AM
APRIL 28- ROCK SPRINGS WHITE MOUNTAIN MALL	11:30 AM-1PM
APRIL 28 -ARAPAHOE SCHOOL	12-2PM

