

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



Scam's Club: A citizen reported receiving a scam email impersonating Sam's Club, with the sender's name "Sam S CLUB Invitation" and an unrelated email address "@kaiweituliao." The email was suspicious because it was sent and CC'd to the recipient's same email address. The subject line falsely advertised a "Sam's Club Membership for Only \$20." The email contained poor grammar, lacked official logos, and included two suspicious attachments. *A CyberWyoming Note: Avoid clicking links or opening attachments from unexpected emails, especially those with poor grammar, unusual sender addresses, or suspicious formatting. Always verify promotional offers directly on the official Sam's Club website instead of trusting unsolicited emails.*



Tax Scams: April 15 is almost here, and many Americans are realizing that their plans to do their own taxes this year didn't work out. If you're one of them and looking for some last-minute help, here's what to look out for to avoid fraudulent tax preparers. Pay attention to payment and promises. Tax scammers may ask for payment in cash up-front or ask to be paid a percentage of your return. Some might also promise a large return before they even see your paperwork. These are all red flags. No one can guarantee you a return nor should anyone be paid in advance or more than a standard fee.

Another warning sign is someone who avoids filling out their tax preparer ID or refuses to sign your return. Anyone who isn't willing to identify themselves on your tax forms or asks you to sign your tax return before it's completed shouldn't be trusted. Tax season can be stressful, but resources are available at IRS.gov to help you find a reliable and safe professional to help you through it.

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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Mobile Food Pantries Coming To Your Area:

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