

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.



Fraud Watch Newsletter



A Refund to Avoid: A Laramie resident received a scam text claiming to be from Amazon, stating that a recently purchased product was removed from the platform due to customer complaints, and the seller's account had been suspended. The message offered a full refund without requiring the product to be returned and included a suspicious link to log in and review the refund process. *CyberWyoming Note: Be cautious of unsolicited messages with suspicious links, especially those claiming to offer refunds or account updates. Always verify such communications directly through official websites or customer service channels before taking any action.*



PayPal Bitcoin Charge: A local Wyoming resident received a fake PayPal email this week, claiming they owed \$379.99 in Bitcoin. The email warned that if the charge was a mistake, they had 12 hours to call the provided phone number. It also threatened that if no call was made within that timeframe, the amount would be charged to their account. Although the email appeared convincing, the request for payment in Bitcoin was a major red flag. *CyberWyoming Note: Always be cautious of urgent emails requesting payment in unconventional forms, such as Bitcoin, especially from companies like PayPal, which typically don't use cryptocurrency for transactions. Scammers often create a false sense of urgency to pressure you into acting quickly, and legitimate companies will rarely demand payment in such forms.*

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...

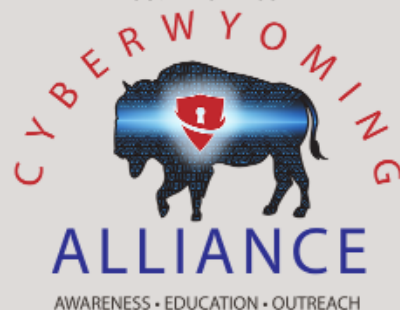
- Find resources and information around VA benefits, health, caregiving, fraud and employment for retired and active-duty military and their families by going to aarp.org/veterans or calling our toll-free nationwide phone number 1-888-OUR-AARP (1-888-687-2277).
- **Family caregiving:** Call the Caregiving 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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MAY 2 - ROCK RIVER	321 AVENUE D	10:30A-12:30P
MAY 6 - LYMAN	BRIDGER VALLEY BAPTIST	4P-7P
MAY 9 - HANNA	TOWN SHOP, 407 LOWE	10A-12P
MAY 10 - BASIN	FAIRGROUNDS	10A-12P
MAY 15 - NEWCASTLE	FAIRGROUNDS	11A-1P
MAY 16 - WRIGHT	1231 E ELKHORN AVE	1-3P
MAY 17 - KAYCEE	HAROLD JARRARD PARK	9A-11A
MAY 17 - ROCK SPRINGS	WHITE MOUNTAIN MALL	11:30A-1P
MAY 20 - BUFFALO	FAIRGROUNDS BUILDING	12-2P
MAY 27 - ARAPAHOE	ARAPAHOE SCHOOL	12-2P
MAY 27 - FT. WASHAKIE	EASTERN SHOSHONI TRIBAL HEALTH	12-2P
MAY 29 - SHERIDAN	FAIRGROUNDS	9A-11A