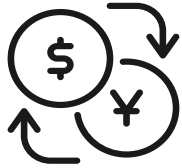


AARP's Fraud Watch Network can help you spot and avoid scams. Sign up for free "Watchdog Alerts", review our scam-tracking map, or call our toll-free helpline, 877-908-3360 if you or a loved one suspect you've been a victim.



# FraudWatch Newsletter



**Protect Yourself from Scams:** The impact of elder financial abuse is significant. While it can involve trusted individuals like caregivers or family members, scams by strangers are also a major threat. In 2024 alone, the Federal Trade Commission estimated that criminals stole as much as \$81.5 billion from adults age 60 and over. With World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15, it's a reminder that small steps can help prevent financial exploitation. Protect yourself by adding a trusted contact to your financial accounts. This person can't make transactions but can be alerted to suspicious activity or if the account holder can't be reached. Freezing credit can help prevent unauthorized accounts from being opened in your name. You can also reduce exposure to phone-based scams by setting up robocall and text blockers through mobile carriers or trusted apps. Small actions like these can make a big difference in protecting financial well-being.



**Moving Scams:** More Than Your Stuff at Stake: Summer is peak moving season, and who you hire matters. Criminals often advertise low prices and provide unusually cheap estimates-sometimes without even seeing your belongings. Once hired, they may demand a cash deposit or full payment up front, raise the price at the last minute, or hold your belongings hostage until you pay more. In some cases, they never show up at all. To help avoid scams and find a reputable mover, get written estimates from multiple companies and research each one carefully. Check reviews and verify credentials before hiring. With so much to manage during a move, choosing the right moving company is one detail worth sweating.

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](http://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



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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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JUNE 2 - LYMAN - BRIDGER VALLEY BAPTIST	4PM
JUNE 3 - WORLAND FAIRGROUNDS	4PM
JUNE 4 - PINEDALE - RENDEVOUS POINT	10AM
JUNE 5 - ROCK RIVER FIRE HALL	11AM
JUNE 13 - BASIN - BIG HORN FAIRGROUNDS	11AM
JUNE 16 - BUFFALO - JOHNSON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS	NOON
JUNE 20 - ROCK SPRINGS - WHITE MOUNTAIN MALL	11:30AM
JUNE 22 - WIND RIVER RESERVATION - ARAPAHOE SCHOOL	NOON
JUNE 22 - WIND RIVER RESERVATION - ES TRIBAL HEALTH	NOON
JUNE 25 - SHERIDAN - FAIRGROUNDS	9AM

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CHECK OUT [WYOMINGFOODBANK.ORG/FIND-FOOD](https://WYOMINGFOODBANK.ORG/FIND-FOOD)  
 OR CALL 1-877-265-2172.