

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



Here are three important things to know about fraud right now. First, most scams today are often run by highly organized international criminal networks, not individuals acting alone. These mafia-style organizations use stolen money to fund abusive criminal activity around the world, including Southeast Asian fraud compounds that rely on human trafficking, forced labor, and torture. Second, just as you take steps to protect your health or home, you can take steps to safeguard your finances. This means taking actions like blocking unknown callers, using strong and unique passwords for every account, enabling two-factor authentication on your online accounts, freezing your credit, checking your credit report regularly, and shredding documents that contain personal information. Third, if you do fall victim, report the crime, as fraud is notoriously under-reported. Reporting isn't just about helping authorities catch criminals. The AARP Fraud Watch Network recommends reporting to your local police to create an official record and to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center at IC3.gov.



The Truth About Celebrity Romance Scams: Celebrity romance scams trick people by pretending to be famous actors, singers, or athletes online, building fake romantic relationships to gain trust and eventually ask for money. Scammers use private account messages, AI-generated content, and stolen photos to create a convincing illusion of intimacy. Victims often start with flirty messages and end up facing financial requests, emotional betrayal, and social isolation. Celebrities don't DM fans privately or ask for money. Support groups and open conversations can help survivors heal, reminding everyone that falling for such scams doesn't reflect weakness, just human desire for connection. — *Brought to you by FightCyberCrime.org.*

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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