

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



**Telegram Marketing & Investment Trap:** A Western Wyoming resident reported a Telegram scam where a trusted contact invited them to join a fake marketing company. The scam involved completing simple "missions" (like following accounts and sending screenshots) in exchange for small payments (\$5–\$10), plus bonuses for recruiting others. Eventually, the scam shifted to a "speculation" phase, urging participants to invest their earnings into Bitcoin with promises of 30–35% returns. However, to join, users had to contribute their own money, starting small but quickly escalating to thousands. The scam impersonated a legitimate marketing company, which confirmed they were not involved. *CyberWyoming Note: Always be cautious with unexpected job or investment opportunities, especially those that come through social media or messaging apps. Verify the legitimacy of the company through official websites or direct phone calls and never send money or share personal financial information.*



**Toll Trolls:** A Wyoming resident reported receiving multiple phishing scam texts claiming they owed money for an E-ZPass toll. The texts threatened to suspend their driving privileges unless they paid via a suspicious link. The recipient did not click the link and deleted the message. The text came from an @outlook email address, with instructions to copy and paste the link into their browser. *CyberWyoming Note: Never click on links in unsolicited messages claiming urgent payments—verify directly with official sources instead. This is a common scam currently circulating in Wyoming, often using scare tactics and fake deadlines to steal personal or financial information. ExpressToll has stated "The Colorado Department of Transportation does not text bills to people for ExpressToll, instead they will receive a bill in the mail (address associated with vehicle registration). ExpressToll account holders can also opt to receive a bill by email." A similar statement was made by E-ZPass and SunPass.*

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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Coming To Your Area:**

JUNE 3 - LYMAN - BRIDGER VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH	4-7PM
JUNE 4 - WORLAND - FAIRGROUNDS,	4-6PM
JUNE 5 - PINEDALE - RENDEZVOUS POINT	11AM-1PM
JUNE 6 - ROCK RIVER - 321 AVENUE D	10:30AM-12:30PM
JUNE 14 - FAIRGROUNDS	10AM-NOON
JUNE 17 - BUFFALO - FAIRGROUNDS COMMUNITY BUILDING	NOON-2PM
JUNE 21 - KAYCEE - HAROLD JARRARD PARK	9-11AM
JUNE 23 - ROCK SPRINGS - WHITE MOUNTAIN MALL	11:30AM-1PM
JUNE 23 - FREMONT COUNTY - ARAPAHOE SCHOOL	NOON-2PM
JUNE 26 - FREMONT COUNTY - EASTERN SHOSHONI HEALTH	NOON-2PM
JUNE 26 - SHERIDAN - FAIRGROUNDS	9-11AM

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OR CALL 1-877-265-2172.

