



Fraud Protection Tips for Seniors

Con artists use a variety of ways to get their hands on the wealth of seniors. Scams can take the form of phone calls, emails, or physical door-to-door visits. Learning about the different ways to protect our parents, grandparents, and family will help minimize the likelihood that someone you know will become the victim of fraud. Some of the ruses include:

- Asking for money to bail out a family member because they are in jail. The con artist typically asks for the money to be wired out of state or country.
- Emails from friends alleging they are in a foreign country and need money so they can return home.
- Calls or emails alleging to be from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) wanting to verify private information or asking for immediate payment.

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TIPS TO HELP SENIORS
AVOID FINANCIAL FRAUD



Under no circumstances provide a caller or door-to-door visitor with private information about yourself or the individual they are calling on behalf of. It is recommended that you attempt to call that individual or their related family member directly to verify the situation. Please note that federal agencies such as the IRS only initiate requests through postal mail, and will not call you directly over the phone.

For additional information, visit the Los Angeles County District Attorney's office website at <http://da.lacounty.gov/safeguarding-your-future>. The website includes information on financial fraud and ways for seniors to protect themselves. If you have been the victim of fraud, or are witnessing individuals that appear to be conducting this type of criminal operation in-person, contact the Sheriff's Department at 909.595.2264.

Where to Report Fraud

Diamond Bar Sheriff's Station 909.595.2264 21695 E Valley Blvd	Equifax 1.888.766.0008 www.equifax.com	Experian 1.888.397.3742 www.experian.com	TransUnion 1.800.680.7289 www.transunion.com
U.S. Postal Service Office of Inspector General 1.888.877.7644 www.uspsoig.gov	Social Security Administration 1.800.269.0271 www.ssa.gov	Federal Trade Commission 1.877.438.4338 www.consumer.gov	

