

# SENIORS CAN STOP SCOUNDRELS AND SCAMS

FINANCIAL FRAUD CAN BE DIFFICULT TO RECOGNIZE. THIS TYPE OF FRAUD CAN INCLUDE IDENTITY THEFT, FAKE CHECK AND WIRE TRANSFER SCAMS, INVESTMENT AND CREDIT CARD FRAUD, AND BOGUS ONLINE CHARITABLE SOLICITATIONS. UNFORTUNATELY, ONLY ONE IN FIVE OF THESE CRIMES IS REPORTED.



- ✓ It's shrewd, not rude to hang up on a suspicious telemarketer.
- ✓ Don't give personal information to people you don't know unless you initiated the contact.
- ✓ Don't let yourself get pressured into a verbal agreement or signing a contract.
- ✓ Be skeptical of online charitable solicitations and other online offers. If interested, ask to receive the information in the mail and check to be sure the company is legitimate.
- ✓ Never agree to pay for products or services in advance.
- ✓ Get estimates and ask for references on home repair offers and other products or services.
- ✓ If you suspect fraud, contact your local law enforcement agency immediately.

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