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# Protect Your Loved Ones: STOP SENIOR SCAMS BEFORE THEY HAPPEN

Scammers are constantly finding new ways to target seniors, often preying on trust and familiarity. As a family member, you can help by recognizing warning signs early and taking simple preventive steps.

## Important safety tips for families to help safeguard their loved ones from scams:



**Monitor Financial Activity** - Check bank statements, credit cards and bills regularly for unusual transactions.



**Set Up Safeguards** - Use notifications, spending limits or joint accounts to protect finances.



**Question Unfamiliar Requests** - Be alert to unexpected calls, emails or visitors asking for money, personal information or gift cards.



**Talk About Scams** - Discuss common scams so seniors feel comfortable asking for help.



**Verify Before Trusting** - Always confirm the identity of the requester, especially if someone claims to be from a bank, government organization or utility company.



**Report Suspicious Activity** - If something seems off, contact your local law enforcement agency, the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and/or your bank immediately.



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Scan here for more information about senior safety.

Dial BSO's non-emergency number at 954-764-HELP (4357) if you are the victim of an in-person scam.

Contact the Federal Trade Commission at ReportFraud.ftc.gov if you are the victim of a phone or email scam.

**In an emergency, dial 911.**

