



SENIOR SCAM PREVENTION

IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND PHONE NUMBERS FOR SENIORS



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Dear Neighbor,

In recent years, far too many New Yorkers have been victimized by scams and identity theft. They've spent far too many hours trying to undo the damage to their finances, to their credit and to their personal information. Sometimes, the harm is irreversible. That's why it's so important to protect yourself from scam artists through smart prevention.

This guide includes some strategies to protect yourself from bad actors who get their hands on your personal information. As your Assemblyman, it's important to me that you have all the information you need to protect your identity and financial resources.

Sincerely,



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DON'T BE SCAMMED

In recent months there have been multiple news reports of Long Island residents, particularly senior citizens, being scammed. Here are some important tips to avoid being the next victim:

- **ASK QUESTIONS** – If someone calls claiming to be a family member in distress and asks for money, confirm details they gave you with another family member or ask questions that a stranger couldn't possibly answer.
- **DO NOT GIVE OUT PERSONAL INFORMATION** – Never give out personal information such as Social Security Number, bank account, or credit card numbers via phone or internet unless you are certain of who you are dealing with.
- **GUARD YOUR MEDICAL INFORMATION** – Only provide medical insurance information to those who have provided the medical service.
- **DON'T SEND MONEY TO SOMEONE YOU DON'T KNOW** – That includes an online merchant you have never heard of or an online friend who asks for money or favors. It is best to do business with sites you know and trust. If you buy items online, consider a payment option that provides protection, like a credit card. Don't send cash or use a wire transfer service.
- **THE IRS WILL NOT CALL YOU** – All communication with the Internal Revenue Service is done by U.S. Mail. The IRS will never ask for credit or debit card numbers over the phone. The IRS will never threaten to bring in local police or other law enforcement groups to have you arrested for not paying.

IF YOU BELIEVE YOU HAVE BEEN THE VICTIM OF A SCAM
OR HAVE BEEN CONTACTED BY A SCAMMER, CALL:

IRS:
1-800-366-4484

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION
1-877-FTC-HELP
(1-877-382-4357)

NASSAU COUNTY DISTRICT
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516-571-3505



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