



# FRAUD by the NUMBERS

## The impact of fraud in America (2023): 1, 2

**30-39 YEARS OLD**  
Highest reported victims (per 100K)

**80+ YEARS OLD @ \$1,450**  
Biggest median losses:

**\$10 BILLION**  
in losses

**690,000**  
Adult victims

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## PROTECT YOURSELF *from* NEW TECH SCAMS

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# REPORT FRAUD



**FBI INTERNET COMPLAINT CENTER**  
ic3.gov

**LOCAL POLICE**

**FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION**  
ReportFraud.ftc.gov

1. <https://www.aixios.com/2024/02/13/ftc-fraud-report-2023>  
2. <https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/federal.trade.commission/viz/AgendaFraud/Infographic>



# ACTION PLAN TO AVOID SCAMS and ID THEFT

## ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)

is being used in a number of legitimate ways by companies for customer service chatbots and search engines, but criminals can also use images and the voice of a scam victim's loved one to fake videos of kidnappings and other urgent situations.

### SPOT THE SCAM

- Scammers will make you think there is an emergency and urge quick action.
- They will request untraceable payments of cash, gift cards or cryptocurrency.

### PROTECT YOURSELF

- Make your social media profiles private and consider carefully what you share online.
- Screen calls. Don't answer unrecognized numbers.
- If you receive an urgent call about a loved one in danger, try to separately contact them before you take any action.
- Call local law enforcement.
- Protect your finances. Call your banks and other financial institutions if you shared personal or financial information. Monitor your accounts for suspicious activity.

## CRYPTOCURRENCY-ROMANCE SCAMS

emerged as a top scam in 2023. Scammers will run a fake romance scam to defraud their victims into investing in fake crypto. Often, a convincing fake website will be used to show their money is growing and the scammers follow trends, headlines and cryptocurrency news to make the scams seem more convincing. Carefully scrutinize any investment opportunity you are presented.

## TECH SUPPORT SCAMS

often target seniors and are one of the largest methods of fraud. These scammers will convince victims to download software that would allow them to remotely access one's phone, tablet or computer so they can provide tech support to them. They steal information and will go after your financial accounts.

### PROTECT YOURSELF

- If you see a fake virus pop up, close the browser and restart your computer. If needed, shut it down.
- Don't call numbers on pop-ups.
- Ignore unsolicited calls, emails or texts about computer problems.
- Do not give unknown, unverified people remote access to your computer.
- Remain calm and resist pressure tactics. Scammers will urge you to act quickly to prevent giving you time to think clearly.



**AS WITH EVERYTHING, MY STAFF AND I ARE HERE TO ASSIST YOU.**

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We are happy to help.

