

## Crime Prevention Tips

### At home...

- Install good quality locks and always use them.
- Don't leave obvious signs that you are away.
- Never open your door to a stranger without credentials.
- Install a wide-angle door lens which permits you to see callers before you open the door.

### On the street...

- Walk only in well-lit areas.
- Do not burden yourself with packages and a bulky purse.
- Never flash large sums of money in public.
- Walk near the curb and a distance away from alleys and doorways.

### In your vehicle...

- Always lock your vehicle after entering and whenever leaving it.
- If you experience a mechanical problem, raise your vehicle's hood. Lock yourself in and wait for the police.
- If a stranger stops to offer assistance, do not get out of your vehicle. Ask the stranger to call a service truck for you.
- If you suspect someone is following you, drive to the nearest public place (service station, all night restaurant, etc.) and blow your horn.



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# SENIOR POWER



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# SCAMS AGAINST SENIORS

Criminals often regard senior citizens as easy targets for crime. Every elderly person should be aware of these crimes and learn how to prevent them from being successful.



## Telephone and Email Fraud Schemes

These schemes account for more than 50% of the con games reported to the police.

In a common scenario, swindlers claim to have found a large sum of money and offer to share it with you. They then ask you to withdraw 'good faith' money from your bank. The swindlers take the 'good faith' money and give you a non-existent address where you are to collect your share of the found money. You never see them again.

Another scenario is the bogus bank examiner who contacts you and asks for your help in catching a dishonest bank employee. He asks you to withdraw a specified amount of cash from your account so that he may check the serial numbers. After turning over money to the examiner, you never hear from him again.

## Door-to-Door Sales

Many door-to-door or telephone sales are not legitimate. Provincial laws protect you against quick sales at your door. Enquire and be sure.

## Mail Fraud Schemes

### Consumer Frauds

Beware of contests by telephone, fax, or Email which require you to put money up front to win, even if there is a guarantee that you will be a winner.

### Home Improvement Offers

Beware of tempting home improvement offers. These are a popular type of swindle and leave victims without improvements or money.

### Business Opportunities

Business opportunities and work-at-home schemes which promise high profits after a substantial investment or registration fee are often fraudulent.

### Medical Frauds

Fake laboratory tests, miracle cures and mail order clinics are other schemes to defraud you. Legitimate doctors and hospitals do not advertise through the mail.

## For your Protection...

- Do not rush into something involving your money or property.
- Be wary of something-for-nothing or get-rich-quick schemes.
- Never sign a contract until you and your lawyer, banker, or other expert has thoroughly read it.
- Never turn over large sums of cash to anyone, especially a stranger, no matter how promising the deal looks.
- Do not hesitate to check the credentials of a salesman or public official.
- Report all suspicious offers to the police immediately, before the swindler leaves town in search of other victims.
- Arrange for incoming cheques to be sent directly to your bank.

