

MAJOR SIGNS OF A SCAM



- Demanding that you stay on the phone, including while in the bank or store.
- Demanding that you lie about your intentions or reasons for taking out money or buying gift cards.
- Insisting that any non-compliance will result in immediate negative action
- Shaming the victim by making them believe they are a part of a criminal enterprise
- Rushing the victim is a major component of most scams.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

U.S. Department of Justice
(877) ID - THEFT
www.ftc.gov

Internal Revenue Service
(800) 829 - 0433
www.irs.gov

Social Security Administration
(800) 772 - 1213
www.ssa.gov

NYS Attorney General
(800) 771 - 7755
ag.ny.gov

NYS Better Business Bureau
(800) 828-5000
www.bbb.org

National Consumers League
(202) 835-3323
www.fraud.org

TO REPORT A CRIME



Broome County Sheriff's Office

Non-Emergency Dispatch
(607) 778 - 1911

Emergency Dial 911

www.gobroomecounty.com/sheriff

A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF COMMON SCAMS



Don't Be Fooled

PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY.

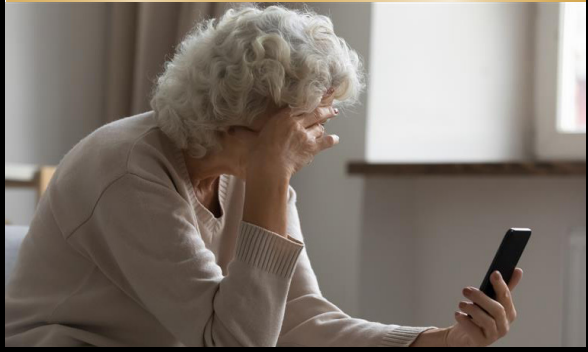
PROTECTING YOURSELF FROM COMMON SCAMS

GRANDPARENTS SCAM

- Caller pretends to be a relative.
- May know personal information about you or your family.
- Pretends to be in legal trouble or in some other emergency.
- Requests financial information, money to be wired or for card numbers from pre-paid cards.
- Urges you to hurry and to stay on the phone.

How to Protect Yourself:

- Stay in contact with loved ones.
- Insist on calling a loved one or confirming with police before making any decisions.
- Safeguard personal information on social media
- **NEVER** give financial or personal information to a stranger.



EMAIL SCAM



- Legitimate looking email, but sender's email address is incorrect.
- Email requests immediate action to correct a problem with an account.
- Requests login information for a bank, utility or paid service like cable television, internet or Netflix.
- Email sends you to a website that looks similar to legitimate site.

How to Protect Yourself:

- Do not click on links in emails. Type in company's website to login.
- Keep passwords and usernames handy to avoid clicking on links.
- If you receive a suspicious email regarding a service or utility, call the company directly to confirm.
- **NEVER** give financial or personal information to a stranger.

CONTRACTOR SCAM

- Contractor demands cash or full payment up front.
- Has no identification or physical address for self or business.
- Steers you toward a specific lender.
- Asks you to sign something you have not had time to review.
- Wants your personal financial information to start the repair or lending process.

How to Protect Yourself:

- Question anyone going door-to-door offering to do repairs
- Look for ID and business Address
- Get multiple quotes and references
- Never sign something that you have not read or do not understand
- **NEVER** give financial or personal information to a stranger.

