

#SLAM THE SCAM



BEWARE OF SCAMMERS

Beware of scammers posing as government officials, bank employees, or health professionals. They want your money and sensitive personal information, including Social Security number, Medicare number, credit card information, and bank account information.



HOW SCAMMERS CAN REACH YOU



PHONE



SOCIAL MEDIA



EMAIL



WEBSITES



IN PERSON

COMMON SCAMS



Identity Theft. Your information is valuable. To you—and other people.



Tech Support Scams



Unwanted Calls and Text Messages. You get a lot of unwanted calls. Many are from scammers.



Impersonator Scams
Someone calls to ask for money. Are they who they say they are?



Government Impersonator scams



Business Impersonator Scams



Romance Scams



Grandkid and Family Scams

REPORT SUSPECTED ELDER ABUSE

If you suspect someone you know may be a victim of elder abuse, call the **Elder Abuse Hotline** 24-hour/7-days-a-week at 1-800-922-2275. Elder abuse includes physical, sexual, and emotional abuse, caretaker neglect, financial exploitation, and self neglect.



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RECOGNIZE



- A sense of urgency. Scammers will use the words “urgent”, “act now”, “important”, and “official” to pressure you into acting quickly.
- Asking for payment via wire transfer or gift cards.
- Requesting your Social Security number, Medicare number, credit card information, or bank account information.
- Links from unknown or unverified sources. Official government websites will always end in .gov, .edu or .org
- Purported government agencies contacting you by phone, email, or social media.
- Emails from personal accounts—beware of emails from Yahoo, Hotmail, Gmail, AOL addresses, etc.
- Websites that look like important COVID-19 news and information sources. These sites could install malware on your computer that damage your computer or gain unauthorized access to you information.
- Unverified apps. These apps can lock your phone and steal data from your device. Only download apps with a verified publisher from Google Play or Apple Store.

RESOURCES

- **Do-Not-Call list**, either online at www.donotcall.gov, or by calling toll-free - 1-888-382-1222 - from the phone number to register.
- **Please Report Scams:** If you spot a scam please report it to the **Federal Trade Commission**. Your complaint can help protect other people. Call the FTC at 1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357) or TTY 1-866-653-4261
- **Attorney General's Elder Hotline: (Exploitation, Fair Debt Collection Practices, Landlord/Tenant, Identity Theft, Home Improvement)** (888) 243-5337. TTY: (617) 727-4765
- **Essex District Attorney Paul F. Tucker :** (978) 745-6610
- **Office of the Inspector General Social Security Administration, Fraud Hotline:** 1-800-269-0271 or 1-800-772-1213
- **Mail Fraud Call Criminal Investigations Service Center:** 1-877-876-2455
- **Senior Legal Helpline** (800) 342-5297 Legal help for elders
- **Lawyer of the Day for Peabody Veterans:** Call Veteran Services 978-538-5925
- **Long-Term Care Ombudsman:** (617) 727-7750
- **Peabody Police Elder Affairs Officer, Richard Cameron:** 978-538-6300 x1463



STAY CONNECTED

- **Peabody Council on Aging:** 978-531-2254
- **AgeSpan:** Peabody's Aging Services Access Point 1-800-892-0890

