

DON'T BE THE NEXT SCAM VICTIM



COMMON SCAMS TARGETING SENIOR CITIZENS:

SWEEPSTAKES SCAMS

Scammers notify you that you have won a sweepstakes and you need to make payment(s) to process your prize. Sweepstakes like Publisher's Clearing House will **NEVER** ask for money to claim prizes.

THE GRANDPARENT SCAM

Scammers call senior citizens claiming to be a grandchild with some type of unexpected financial problem (needing bond money to get out of jail, overdue rent payment, etc.) and ask for payment via Western Union, MoneyGram, Money Order, etc.

DATING WEBSITE SCAMS

Many seniors seek companionship on dating websites. Scammers use this to prey on vulnerable victims. Online "friends" claim that they want to travel to meet the unsuspecting victim and claim they need money to fund the trip.

INTERNET/COMPUTER SCAMS

Scammers call you claiming there are viruses on your computer and claim that they will remove the viruses by logging in to your computer remotely. Once you give them your log-in and password, they steal anything from your money via your online bank information to your identity.

EMAIL/PHISHING SCAM

Scammers send you emails that appear to be from a legitimate company, bank, or credit card company, asking you to "update" or "verify" your personal information. Scammers capture your "updated" information and access your funds.



If you believe you or someone you know has been the victim of a scam, contact the non-emergency line of the Morristown Police Department at (423) 585-2701 to have an officer come to you!