Fraud Prevention

- Be suspicious of anyone who offers you a chance for quick and easy wealth.
- Be wary of exaggerated claims for health and medical products, such as cures for cancer or arthritis, hair restorers and quick weight loss. Before buying any cure-alls, check with your doctor, pharmacist or clinic.
- Never give your credit card, bank account number, or social security number to anyone over the phone.
- Check out any "work-at-home" schemes with your local or state consumer protection agency.
- Don't give credit cards, checkbooks or bank account numbers to your housekeeper or caretaker.
- Don't make an employee a joint-owner of your bank account or your property.

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Crime Prevention Tips for Seniors

Crime prevention is everyone's responsibility. These tips can help seniors protect themselves from being the victim of a crime.

At Home

- Always keep your doors and windows locked. Exterior doors should always have dead bolts.
- Keep your home well lit at night.
- Never let a stranger into your home.
- Ask for identification from delivery or service personnel.
- Don't hide your key under your mat or other obvious places.
- Never give out information over the phone indicating you are alone or that you won't be home at a certain time.
- When you are gone for more than a day, make sure your home looks and sounds occupied. Use an automatic timer to turn on lights, radio or TV.
- If you arrive at home and suspect a stranger may be inside, do not go in! Leave quietly and call 9-1-1.
- Hang up immediately on harassing or obscene phone calls. If the caller persists, call law enforcement.

In Your Car

- Always lock your car doors. Never leave keys in the ignition when you leave the car, even for a few minutes.
- When you drive, keep the doors locked and windows up. Park in well-lit, busy areas.
- Don't leave packages or other tempting articles in plain view in a locked car. Lock them in the trunk.
- Never give a ride to a stranger, even one that seems friendly or like they are in need.
- If you have car problems, be especially wary of strangers who offer help. Stay in the car and ask them to call a service truck and law enforcement.

Protect your Money

- Consistently review your bank account history and look for fraudulent transactions.
- Check your credit annually at a minimum.
- Only withdrawal money for yourself.
- Have Social Security checks directly deposited to your bank account.
- If you are a victim, report the crime to your local law enforcement agency.