

This is a Fraud Alert issued by the York County Elder Abuse Task Force.

Periodically, members of the Task Force, along with the York County District Attorney's office who prosecute these devastating financial crimes will offer warnings about the latest financial scams targeting seniors here in York County.

Educating seniors about financial fraud is a top priority of the York County Elder Abuse Task Force. With that in mind, we want every senior in York County to remember the **3 Rs**:

Recognize a potential scam;
Refuse to make any hasty decisions; and

Report suspicious activity to police.

Stay safe and feel free to contact Area Agency on Again at 717 771 9610 or the District Attorney Dave Sunday at the District Attorney's Office (717-771-9600) with any questions.

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FRAUD ALERT – AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWS

Fraudulent telemarketers have found yet another way to steal your money, this time from your checking account. Consumers across the country are complaining about unauthorized debits (withdrawals) from their checking accounts. Automatic debiting of your checking account can be a legitimate payment method; many people pay mortgages or make car payments this way. But the system is being abused by fraudulent telemarketers. Therefore, if a caller asks for your checking account number or other information printed on your check, you should follow the same warning that applies to your credit card number. Do not give out checking account information over the phone unless you are familiar with the company and agree to pay for something.

Remember, if you give your checking account number over the phone to a stranger for "verification" or "computer purposes," that person could use it to improperly take money from your checking account.

How To Protect Yourself

- Don't give out your checking account number over the phone unless you know the company and understand why the information is necessary.
- If someone says they are taping your call, ask why. Don't be afraid to ask questions.
- Companies do not ask for your bank account information unless you have expressly agreed to this payment method.