

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 Aging at 717 771 9610 or the District Attorney Timothy Barker at the District Attorney's Office (717-771-9600) with any questions.

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Romance Scams

While romance scams aren't new, they remain a popular scam and are a prime example of how scammers can use generative AI to trick victims.

Scammers often steal someone's identity or create fake profiles on dating and social media apps to meet victims. There's no surefire method to detect a fake. Some will use AI to deepfake video calls, and some crime organizations even force people or hire models to conduct romance scams.

After gaining your trust, the scammer might ask you to buy them something, ask for money or give you an investment "tip" that's part of the scam. Or the person may "mistakenly" send you money and ask you to send it back or forward it to someone else. If your bank later determines that their payment was fraudulent, the sum of the payment will be subtracted from your account.

You can reduce your chances of becoming a victim of a romance scam by following these proven tactics:

Reduce how much you share online. When posting on social media, dating sites or other online profiles, be cautious about how much personal information you reveal. Withhold personally identifiable information such as your hometown, home address, work specifics, phone numbers, educational background and information about your children. Scammers often use these personal details to try to appear like your perfect match.