



SCAM ALERT



**CRYPTOCURRENCY SCAMS
TARGETING ELDERLY MEMBERS OF
OUR COMMUNITY ARE ON THE RISE!**



**Learn more about how to
protect yourself, and
educate your friends
and family members:**

consumer.ftc.gov/scams

To report a scam, please call (720) 898-6900





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ARVADA POLICE HAS SEEN INCREASED REPORTS OF FINANCIAL SCAMS SPECIFICALLY TARGETING OLDER ADULTS!

Help by sharing these tips with friends and family to avoid falling victim to a scam:

What do some common scam set-ups look like?

- Someone calls claiming to be a friend or family member that has been arrested, kidnapped, or in an accident, and needs money.
- You receive a message or call from someone claiming to be from your bank to advise you that your account has been compromised. They tell you to move your money to a new account that they have created for you.
- Someone calls claiming to be a law enforcement officer to inform you that a warrant has been issued for your arrest and you need to pay a fine to clear it.

Scammers will do everything they can to keep you on the phone and make the problem sound very urgent. They may know a lot of details about you, your family, and the organization they pretend to represent. They may make threats to prevent you from talking to law enforcement or friends and family.

What can you do to avoid scams?

- Do not answer calls or texts from numbers you do not recognize.
- Do not provide any personal or financial information over phone, text, or email.
- Never pay for something if the person insists on using cryptocurrency, wire transfers, gift cards, payment apps, or by mailing cash.
- Verify who you are talking to by hanging up and calling them back on a verified phone number you source from a bank statement, organization website, etc.
- Do not click on computer pop-up notifications or call unverified support numbers.
- If it doesn't seem right, it probably isn't! Talk to someone you trust and see if the situation makes sense to them.

If you have been the victim of any type of scam, or want to discuss a situation, please call (720) 898-6900. You can learn more about different types of scams on the Federal Trade Commission's website: consumer.ftc.gov/scams

