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Check Fraud Is on the Rise

New data shows that older Americans are at risk for fraud.

By Your Partnership

As older Americans lead fuller lives, they’re more likely to see new scams targeting them. With your help, we can help protect our community.

To fight fraud, it’s key for you to stay informed. Here are some tips to help protect yourself:

1. Be on the lookout for phishing scams. These are fake emails, calls, or texts that seem to come from trusted sources. They try to trick you into giving away personal information.
2. Don’t click on links or open attachments from unknown senders.
3. Verify phone numbers and websites before providing personal information.
4. Be cautious of offers that seem too good to be true.
5. Keep your personal information secure.
6. Report any suspected fraud to your bank or financial institution.

When you notice something suspicious, you can report it to your bank or financial institution. They can help you protect your identity and prevent further damage.

Consider excluding excess obligations

If you have trouble with your bank, contact your local bank or a credit union. They can offer help and advice on how to make your financial situation better.

Help someone older know about your life

If you know someone who is like you, encourage them to get involved. They can help your organization and you can learn from each other.

Keep for warranty purposes or for free

If you need to keep the warranty for your product, make sure you keep your original warranty paperwork. If you need to transfer the warranty to a new owner, make sure you get the new owner’s name and contact information.

Remember Tax Fraud Protection Essentials

When you file your taxes, it’s important to be aware of the common strategies used by tax fraudsters. Here are some tips to help you protect your tax return:

1. Use the IRS’s Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN) program if you believe you are a victim of identity theft.
2. Be cautious of tax preparation offers that seem too good to be true.
3. Choose a reliable tax preparer and verify their credentials.
4. Don’t provide your personal information to unknown individuals.
5. Keep track of all your tax-related documents and receipts.

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