Elder Abuse: Scams

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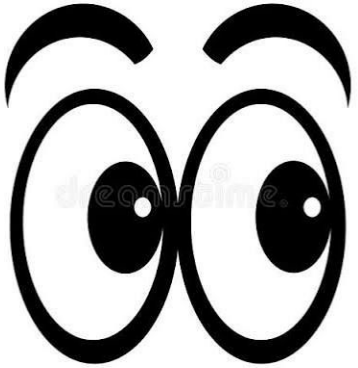
Scammers want your money!

Scammers want your identity!

Scammers want your resources!



Know the signs before it's too late!



What are the signs?

- ❏ Unsolicited contact requesting payment or personal information
- ❏ Making demands that requires you to act quickly
- ❏ Offering prizes (such as cash, gift cards & vacations)
- ❏ Request to meet at location to receive rewards

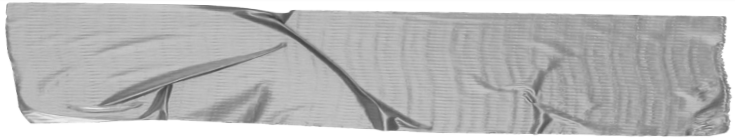


Why are the elderly targeted?

- ➔ Money (i.e Retirement benefits)
- ➔ Property (i.e. Home & vehicles)
- ➔ Status
- ➔ Limitations (i.e. Disabilities)
- ➔ Emotional (i.e. kind & patient)



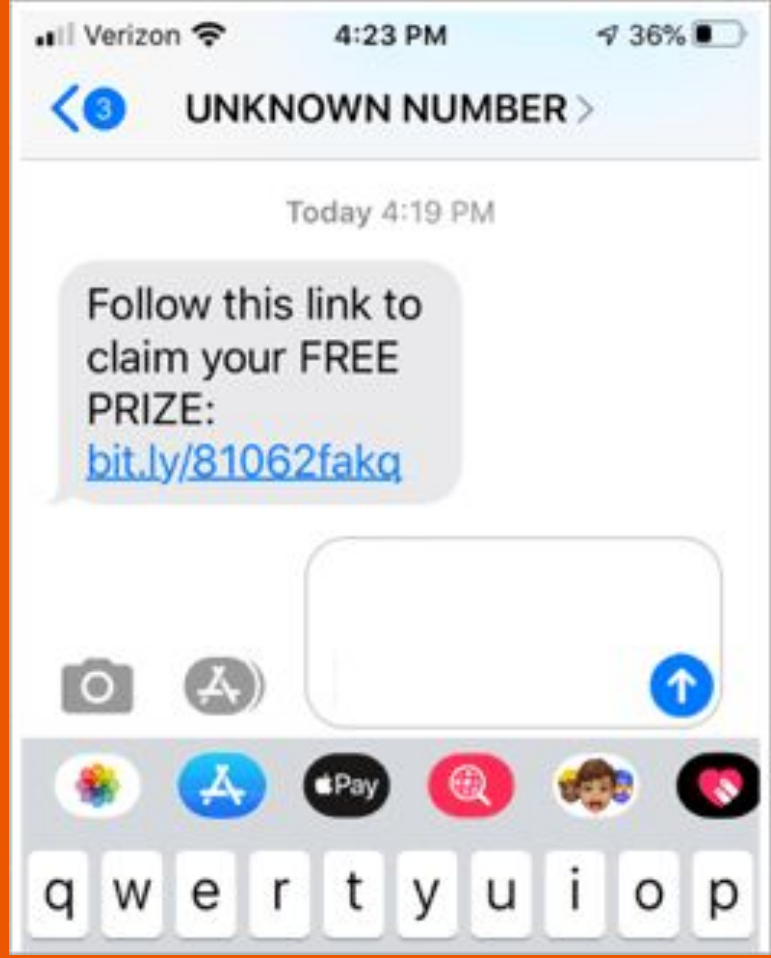
Types of Scams



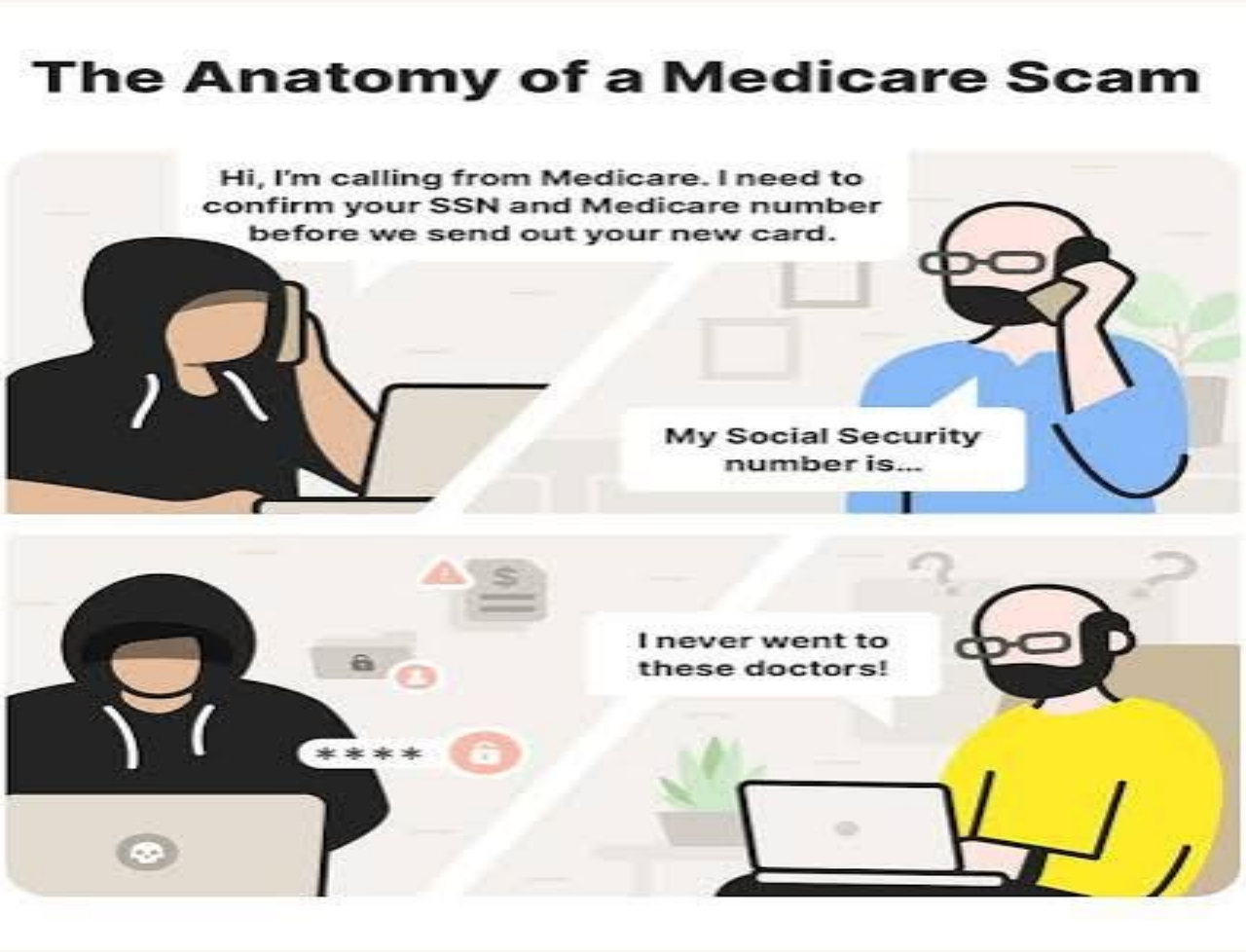
~Telemarketing (Phone calls & text messages)
~Romance/Friendship
~ Lottery
~Charity / Investment
~Health Care (Medicaid, Medicare or health insurance)
~Home Repair

Telemarketing





Health Care Scams



What should I do when I recognize a scam?

STOP!



STAND BACK!



GET HELP!

RESOURCES

Cumberland County:

Council of Older Adults
339 Devers Street
Fayetteville, NC 28303
910-484-0111
https://www.ccccooa.org/

Mid-Carolina Area Agency on Aging
6205 Raeford Road
Fayetteville, NC 28304
828-772-7947
https://mccog.org/aging-services.asp

Department of Social Services - Adult Services
1225 Ramsey Street
Fayetteville, NC 28301
910-677-2389 or
910-677-2388
https://www.cumberlandcountync.gov/departments/dss-group/department-of-social-services/adult-services

Bladen County:

Division On Aging
608 McLeod Street
Elizabethtown, NC 28337
910-872-6330
https://bladennc.govoffice3.com/

Robeson County:

Lumber River Area Agency on Aging
30 CJ Walker Road
Pembroke, NC 28372
910-618-5533
https://www.lumberrivercog.org/area-agency-on-aging

Department of Social Services- Adult Services
120 Glen Cowan Road
Lumberton, NC 28360
910-671-3168
https://www.robesoncountync.gov/dss

Hoke County:

Department of Social Services - Adult Services
314 S Magnolia Street
Raeford, NC 28376
910-875-8725
https://www.hokecounty.net/203/Adult-Services

Senior Services of Hoke County
423 E Central Avenue
Raeford, NC 28376
910-875-8588
https://hokecounty.net/499/Senior-Services

If you think you've been a victim of or want to verify a scam:

Call 1-877-5-NO-SCAM
(1-877-566-7226) or 919-716-6000
Or
Report to reportfraudftc.gov
(Federal Trade Commission)

References

National Center on Elder Abuse
North Carolina Department of Justice
Harnett County Department of Social Services - Adult Services
State Employee’s Credit Union - Romance Scams



Any questions or comments?