



Seniors fraud involves the use of deception or lying in order to deprive you of your money, personal property, and rights.



Helping to Prevent Seniors Fraud

Fraud is the number one crime against seniors. If you have been defrauded, you may not even be aware it has happened to you.

Why con artists target the senior population

- Seniors often live at home and have more savings, assets, or disposable income
- A widowed senior who is living alone may be an easy target
- Seniors are more trusting than younger people and may have been scammed before
- Many seniors do not report losing their money to a con artist because they are embarrassed at having been deceived

Things You Can Do

- Know your rights and ask for advice if you think something is wrong.
- Stay active and stay sociable. Maintain and increase your network of friends and acquaintances. New activities can bring new friends. Have regular contact with family and friends by phone or visits. Have your own phone number and check your own mail.
- Be cautious about permitting adult children back into your home to live, especially those with a history of violence or substance abuse.
- Familiarize yourself with your spouse's tasks to ensure your continued independence.
- Stay organized. Know where your important papers and financial records are. Make sure that others know that you know where these things are.
- Plan now for later. Get legal advice and make arrangements now for documents like Powers of Attorney, your Will, or your finances. Don't let anyone keep the details of your finances from you.
- Find out what Community Resources are available in your area. Know who to call for assistance when you need it, such as housekeeping, groceries, Meals on Wheels, transportation, etc.

Visit these websites for more information:

www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/ccaps/seniors_e.htm

www.seniorsinfo.ca/en/categories/1543



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Where to Find Help

Community Elder Abuse Prevention Committee	343-8563
Thunder Bay Police (Non-Emergency)	684-1200
O.P.P. Thunder Bay	939-2133
Crime Stoppers (Inside City Limits)	684-1309
Crime Stoppers (Outside City Limits)	1-800-222-8477
Crimes Against Seniors Unit	684-1039

Lost or Stolen Wallet Information

Birth, Marriage or Death Certificate <i>Registrar General, 189 Red River Rd.</i>	1-800-461-2156
Ontario Health Card (OHIP) <i>Ministry of Health & Long Term Care 435 James St. S., Suite 113</i>	1-800-465-5067
Social Insurance Card (S.I.N.) <i>Human Resources Centre, 979 Alloy Dr. www.servicecanada.gc.ca</i>	1-800-206-7218
Old Age Security Card <i>Human Resources Centre, 979 Alloy Dr. www.servicecanada.gc.ca</i>	1-800-277-9914
Ontario Driver's Licence <i>1020 Dawson Rd. (County Fair Plaza) www.servicecanada.gc.ca</i>	767-2266
Ontario Driver's Licence <i>400 Balmoral St. www.servicecanada.gc.ca</i>	626-8166
Canadian Passport <i>979 Alloy Dr. www.servicecanada.gc.ca</i>	1-800-567-6868
Canadian Citizenship Card <i>www.servicecanada.gc.ca</i>	1-888-242-2100
Firearms Acquisition Certificate <i>Thunder Bay Police</i>	684-1200
Firearms Registration Certificate	1-800-731-4000

Cancelling or Replacing Bank/Credit Cards

C.I.B.C.	1-800-663-4575
Mastercard Emergency Service	1-800-361-3361
RBC	1-800-263-1811
Scotia Bank	1-800-387-6508
Toronto Dominion Bank (Visa)	1-800-983-8472