## Be on the lookout . . .

# For The Most Widespread Scams

#### **OBITUARY SCAM**

Using obituaries to target recent widows, scammers attempt to collect false debts of the deceased.



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#### MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION

Company sends free magazines and convinces a senior he owes money for the subscription.



#### **SWEEPSTAKES**

Crooked contest claims a senior won a prize and needs to send in money to collect winnings.



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## CHARITABLE DONATIONS

Unscrupulous charities take advantage of generosity and memory loss to request donations repeatedly.



#### INVESTMENT SCAM

Salesperson convinces a senior that an unusual asset like a horse farm is worth significant investment.



#### GRANDPARENT SCAM

Scammer calls late at night pretending to be a grandchild in need of emergency funds by wire.



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### HELPFUL NEPHEW SCAM

Trusted relative visits a senior frequently and asks to borrow \$100, knowing the requests will be forgotten.



#### SWEETHEART SCAM

Scammer befriends a lonely older adult to get access to money or be written into the will.



## TV SHOPPING TRICKERY

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As-seen-on-TV products hide extra fees and charges in the fine print.



#### **YES SCAM**

All they are trying to get you to say is . . . "YES".

Scammers lift your voice saying yes, edit it, then place it into "Do you authorize this payment?"



