

Crime Prevention & Safety for Seniors



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PHONE BUSTERS™



Crime Prevention & Safety - At Home

Close the door on Fraud

- *The Con Artist is usually a stranger and will approach when you are alone.*
- *If what they have to offer sounds too good to be true, it probably is.*



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Home Renovation Scams

- É Beware of anyone soliciting work to be done to your home if you haven't called for it already.
- É Shop around and get at least **three estimates**.
- É **Review** the contract. Look for an itemized list of work and materials, start and finish dates, and deposit requests.
- É Ask for local references and **check them out**.



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- É Never sign a document you don't completely and fully understand.
- É Say **NO** to high-pressure appeals.
- É If you feel you have been cheated, call your lawyer or the police.



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Charity Scams

- É Do not give cash donations. If you want to donate, write a cheque payable to the charity.
- É If someone is selling a product on behalf of a charity, ask how much of the purchase price actually goes toward the charity.



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Charity Scams

- É Check with the Better Business Bureau to find out if the charity is authorized to solicit funds.
- É Reputable charities and fund raisers will give you time to think about making a donation.



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