Be "Scam Smart" Report, Detect, Protect

Report Healthcare Scams Medicare: 1-800-633-4273 / www.medicare.gov

Social Security Administration: 1-800-772-1213 / www.ssa.gov Maine Senior Medicare Patrol at your local AAA: 1-877-353-3771 Federal Trade Commission: 1-877- 382-4357 / www.ftc.gov

Report Money Transfer Scams MoneyGram: 1-800-666-3947 Western Union: 1-800-448-1492 Green Dot: www.moneypack.com

Federal Trade Commission: 1-877-382-4357 / www.ftc.gov

Report
Mail /Email / Online
Scams

FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center: www.ic3.gov

OnGuardOnline: www.onguardonline.gov
U.S. Postal Inspector: 1-877-876-2455 /
www.postalinspectors.uspis.gov

Federal Trade Commission: 1-877-382-4357 / www.ftc.gov

Report/Detect Check Fraud Scams

Postal Money Order Verification System: 1-866-459-7822

Maine Attorney General: 1-800-436-2131 / www.maine.gov/ag

National Consumers League Fraud Center: www.fakechecks.org

Report
Fundraiser / Charitable
Scams

ME Attorney General's Office: 1-800-436-2131 / www.maine.gov/ag
Better Business Bureau: 1-703-276-0100 / www.bbb.org/us/charity
National Association of State Charities / www.nasconet.org

Protect Yourself Against Scams

Get Your Free Credit Report Annually: 1-877-322-8228 /

www.annualcreditreport.com

Sign-up on the "Do Not Call" List: 1-888-382-1222 /

www.donotcall.gov

See reverse side for more tips on how to be "Scam Smart"



Reporting Telemarketing and Healthcare Scams

■ Medicare: 1-800-633-4273 / <u>www.medicare.gov</u>

 Maine Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) at your local Area Agency on Aging (AAA): 1-877-353-3771

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Tips to Help Keep Your Identity Safe

- Examine your wallet and ask yourself if you need to carry all the pieces of identification in it.
- When someone asks for your Social Security Number, ask why they need it.
- Use a password to protect your cell phone, if the phone has that capability.
- Encrypt your home wireless network.
- Avoid clicking on attachments or links contained in any unsolicited emails; don't respond to unsolicited emails.
- When using a debit card, use it as "credit" instead of "debit" for better protection if the card information is stolen.
- Do not use the same password for all your online accounts.
- Do not click on any pop-up on the internet.
- Limit the information you make available on social networking sites.
- Obtain and check your credit report annually at: www.annualcreditreport.com or call 1-877-322-8228.

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