

Greetings fellow York  
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This is a Fraud Alert issued by the York County Elder Abuse Task Force. Periodically, members of the York County District Attorney's office who prosecute these devastating financial crimes will offer warnings about the latest financial scams targeting seniors here in York County. Educating seniors about financial fraud is a top priority of the York County Elder Abuse Task Force. With that in mind, we want every senior in York County to remember the **3 Rs**: Recognize a potential scam; Refuse to make any hasty decisions; and Report suspicious activity to police. Stay safe and feel free to contact District Attorney Dave Sunday at the District Attorney's Office (717-771-9600) with any questions.

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## FRAUD ALERT – Phishing Scammers

In recent months, many seniors have been the target of an increasingly common scam: spear phishing and caller ID spoofing. In this scam, a person, supposedly from your bank (your caller ID shows the name of your bank), calls you and tells you that your account is being used at a retailer without your knowledge or authorization. The caller then verifies some of your personal information and asks you to provide personal information to them so that may resolve the issue for you. These scams may be difficult to identify because the caller ID shows the name of your bank and the caller knows some of your personal information, making the caller appear to be legitimate. In many circumstances, these callers are scammers. Here are some tips to avoid becoming a victim of this scam:

- **Don't Assume:** Don't assume that because your caller ID is proof of who is actually calling you. Scammers can make it look like they are caller from a company or number you trust
- **Don't Respond:** If you receive a phone call, email or text from an individual requesting you to provide personal information, don't respond. Contact a person you know and trust with your bank to see if the call, email or text was legitimate.
- **Don't Trust:** Don't trust someone just because they have your personal information. Scammers have ways of getting this information about you. If you feel uneasy or skeptical about any communication from a bank, contact a person you know and trust form your bank to discuss the situation.

If you believe you may be the victim of identity theft, go to [IdentityTheft.gov](http://IdentityTheft.gov) to learn what to do if a scammer has made charges on your accounts.

If you receive an unsolicited communications that you believe to be a scam, report it to the FTC at [ftc.gov/complaint](http://ftc.gov/complaint) or by calling 1-877-FTC-HELP. The FTC has a number of articles with tips to avoid becoming a victim of a scam available on its website, [ftc.gov](http://ftc.gov).