

# Criminal Target Scale

The prospect of an older loved one falling prey to a scammer can send fear through the hearts of any family caregiver. That's why the nonprofit National Association of Triads and the Home Instead Senior Care® network have developed this Criminal Target Scale, which can help families assess the vulnerability of a senior loved one.

Answer the following questions to help determine your loved one's scam risk threat.	Yes	No
My senior lives alone.		
My older loved one is alone for long periods of time.		
My older loved one has a land line phone.		
My senior has few visitors.		
My senior has never signed up for the Do-Not-Call Registry.		
My older loved one would never be rude to anyone on the phone in an effort to end the call.		
My senior has a computer and is on it every day.		
My older adult likes to order online.		
My older loved one sends donations to one or more charities.		
My senior loved one is always looking for a needy cause.		
My senior flies an American flag.		
My senior displays veteran's stickers in car/home windows.		
My older loved one has an unsecured mailbox near the street.		
My senior takes pain medication and leaves it on the counter.		
My older adult often looks to neighbors and others for help.		
My older adult is generally trusting of people's motives.		
My senior has chronic health problems.		
My senior has a computer, but isn't very familiar with how to use it.		
My older adult has dementia or Alzheimer's disease.		
My senior spends a lot of time outside during the day and enjoys engaging neighbors and anyone else who comes by in conversation.		
My older loved one is worried that he/she might outlive his/her money.		
My older loved one is always looking for ways to make extra money.		
My older adult would do anything to help a grandchild, especially giving money.		

If you answered "yes" to three or more of these statements, your older adult could be at risk of a scam.

Check out [ProtectSeniorsFromFraud.com](http://ProtectSeniorsFromFraud.com) to discover additional resources for helping to protect an older adult from scam.

