

# Top Senior Scams

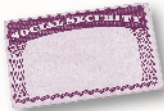
Canada's population of seniors is larger than ever before, making them a prime target for criminals who wish to prey on the vulnerable.

**According to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the top scams involving seniors are:**



## Telemarketing Fraud.

Many reputable Canadian companies use the telephone to disseminate information about their goods and services. Hiding behind anonymity, criminals take advantage of seniors by sounding exactly like a legitimate business.



## Identity Theft.

A voice on the phone asks, "Please verify the last three digits of your social insurance number, we believe that there has been fraudulent activity with your credit card." By invoking fear, scammers take full advantage of the elderly to obtain the necessary information, and exploit their identity.



## Charity Scams.

The scammer calls you, and asks for a small donation on behalf of their charitable organization. Criminals succeed at deceiving people as they often use names of charities that sound extremely similar to distinguished ones.



## Medical Fraud.

Qualified healthcare providers are the only ones eligible to provide medical treatment and sell medical supplies. Criminals will often try and offer medical services over the phone and/or by mail. Also, many scammers have been receiving free treatment by assuming someone else's identity, and using their health card.



## The Prize Scam

Someone calls to tell you that you have won a prize (trip, money, car etcetera), but you must submit a payment in order to obtain the prize.



## Business/Investment Opportunities

Scammers will call you proposing a once in a lifetime opportunity, promising high returns after you send a registration and/or investment payment.

Contact local law enforcement if you think someone has scammed your senior or might be trying to do so. For more about protecting your seniors from scammers, contact your [local Home Instead Senior Care® office](#), or visit [ProtectSeniorsFromFraud.com](http://ProtectSeniorsFromFraud.com).