



FRAUD SQUAD ALERT



MAY 2022
CELEBRATING



OLDER AMERICANS MONTH - AGE MY WAY

In 2022, the Older Americans Month (OAM) theme of Age MY Way is focused on:

- ◆ AGING IN PLACE.
- ◆ PLAN YOUR WAY to live independently in your community for as long as possible.
- ◆ CONNECT YOUR WAY to supports.
- ◆ PARTICIPATE YOUR WAY in activities, and be able to
- ◆ ACCESS your needs and preferences YOUR WAY.

The Allegheny County District Attorney's Office makes extraordinary efforts to protect and assist older Americans to age their way by fighting elder abuse, neglect and exploitation. The hope is that **AVOIDING ABUSE** can be achieved by spreading the word and educating older adults and others about how to keep from becoming a victim. To that end, we are celebrating OLDER AMERICANS MONTH by providing FRAUD SQUAD Alerts, presentations, and trainings to anyone who will listen, reminding everyone of the basics so OLDER AMERICANS can AGE THEIR WAY.

- ◆ **DON'T ANSWER YOUR PHONE.** If you don't recognize the number let the call go to voicemail or answering machine.
- ◆ **RETURNING A CALL?** Be sure to look up the number rather than trust the number given. Ask someone for help if necessary.
- ◆ **REMEMBER:** The number you see on your 'caller ID' may be fake. Scammers can make the number look like any number they want, including Medicare or Social Security. It's called "spoofing."
- ◆ **NEVER GIVE PERSONAL INFORMATION** to anyone who calls you.
- ◆ **IF IT SOUNDS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, IT IS.**
- ◆ **BUYING OR PAYING WITH GIFT CARDS** is the sign of a SCAM.



For more information or if you have questions, give us a call:

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