

# Loudoun County Sheriff's Office

## *Crime Prevention Unit*

(703) 777-1021



### *Tips to Avoid Being Scammed:*

**Spot imposters-** Scammers often pretend to be someone you trust, like a government official, a family member, a charity, or a company you do business with. Do an online search of a company, phone number, or product name into a search engine with words or phrase that describes your situation.

**Spoofing-** There is a way that con artist can change their phone number on your caller I.D. to look like a legitimate business. If someone calls or there is a recording asking for money or personal information, hang up. If you think the caller might be telling the truth, call back to a number you know is a legitimate number associated with the business.

**Don't pay upfront for a promise-** Someone might ask you to pay in advance for things like debt relief, credit and loan offers, mortgage assistance, or a job. They might even say you've won a prize, but first you have to pay taxes or fees. Consider how they ask you to pay. Is it risky services like Western Union, MoneyGram, or reloadable cards? Government offices and honest companies won't require you to use these payment methods.

**Don't deposit a check and wire money back-** If a check you deposit turns out to be a fake, you are responsible for paying back the bank.

If you're a Victim of Fraud

Contact:

Your Financial Institution

3 Major Credit Bureaus

Loudoun County Sheriff's Office (703) 777-1021 (non-emergency)

Online reporting available

<https://sheriff.loudoun.gov/reportonline>

@loudounsheriff





## **WARNING** **Money Card Scams**

**Scammers are claiming to be from the IRS, local law enforcement, and other government agencies. They convince victims they owe fines and could face arrest. In most of the cases the victims are asked to obtain money cards.**

### **Protect Yourself!**

**CAUTION**



**Be Suspicious of callers who demand immediate payment for any reason.**



**Never provide personal or financial information to anyone who e-mails or calls you unsolicited.**



**Don't wire money, provide debit or credit card numbers or Green-Dot MoneyPak or Reloadit card numbers to someone you don't know.**



**Remember utility companies and government agencies will not contact you demanding immediate payment by money cards.**

**If you were of a victim of a scam,  
please call 703-777-1021**

**Emergency: 911**

**<http://sheriff.loudoun.gov>**



**"When in doubt, have us check it out!"  
Loudoun Sheriff Mike Chapman**



Don't be fooled by  
these common  
healthcare/Medicare  
fraud schemes:

A scammer offers you free  
services or medical supplies  
that you must verify by  
providing your Medicare  
number.

A pharmacy routinely  
dispenses your prescriptions  
a few pills short but bills  
Medicare for the full amount.

Someone calls to verify your  
eligibility for Medicare and  
asks for your Medicare  
number.

A doctor's office bills Medi-  
care for a service or product  
you did not receive.

## REMEMBER!

- ✓ Report Medicare fraud
- ✓ Call us for an informative,  
free presentation
- ✓ Volunteer to help  
spread the word



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# Medicare Fraud is Breaking the Bank



## Join the fight against healthcare fraud!







## PROTECT...

### Protect yourself.

- Treat your Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security numbers like a credit card number. **Never give these numbers to a stranger**, no matter what reason is given for needing them.
- Remember, Medicare will not call you on the phone or come to your door.
- Keep a record of doctor visits, tests, and procedures in your personal healthcare journal or calendar.
- Save Medicare Summary Notices and Part D Explanations of Benefits and shred when no longer needed.

## DETECT...

### Detect errors, fraud, and abuse.

- Always review your Medicare Summary Notice and Part D Explanation of Benefits for mistakes. **You can access your Medicare account at [www.myMedicare.gov](http://www.myMedicare.gov) at any time.**
- Compare your statements to your personal healthcare journal to make sure they are correct.
- Check your billing statements for:
  - Charges for something you did not receive;
  - Duplicate billing for a service or product;
  - Services not ordered by your physician or provider.

## REPORT...

### Report suspected errors, fraud, or abuse.

- If you notice a problem on your statements, contact your provider or insurance company to determine if there has been a mistake.
- If you are not comfortable calling your provider or insurance company, or you are not satisfied with the response you receive, call us at 1-800-938-8885. **Virginia SMP will be glad to assist you.**

**Medicare fraud  
affects everyone.  
But you can make  
a difference!**