

PERSONAL SAFETY TIPS

- ◆ When out and about, be aware of your surroundings and trust your instincts.
- ◆ Do not unlock your door unless you know the person or verified the person's identification.
- ◆ Keep valuables and packages out of easy view.
- ◆ Install deadbolts and locks on all exterior doors.
- ◆ Park in well lit areas.

PROTECT YOURSELF OR A SENIOR YOU KNOW BY APPLYING THE TIPS IN THIS PAMPHLET.



For more information about our SENIOR EXPLOITATION UNIT or to request a presentation at your church, school, or club please contact:

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The Senior Exploitation Unit is a specialized unit in the Office of the Delaware County District Attorney that protects Delaware County seniors from physical, sexual and economic criminal exploitations.

Criminals often target seniors for a host of crimes. The mission of the Senior Exploitation Unit is to reduce crime against seniors through investigations, arrests and prosecutions. The unit also works to educate seniors about various forms of senior abuse such as personal abuse, identity theft, and financial scams.

IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION

- ◆ Use up-to-date anti-virus and firewall software on computers.
- ◆ Take outgoing mail to a safe mail box.
- ◆ BUY A SHREDDER and shred sensitive documents.
- ◆ Review monthly bank statements and credit card statement for irregularities.

IF YOU ARE THE VICTIM OF IDENTITY THEFT DO THE FOLLOWING:

1. Contact your creditors to close fraudulent accounts.
2. Post alerts on your credit reports by calling the three national credit bureaus: Equifax; Trans Union; and Experian
3. Review your credit report.
4. File a police report.

TIPS TO HELP PROTECT YOUR FINANCES

- ◆ Resist pressure to buy anything on the spot. Review every contract with someone you trust.
- ◆ Before hiring a contractor, get more than one estimate, check references, and put everything in writing. Do not pay all the money up-front.
- ◆ Remove your name from marketing lists. Register your telephone numbers with the National Do-Not-Call Registry of the Federal Trade Commission. Call 1-888-382-1222.



Delaware County Seniors and District Attorney G. Michael Green work together to combat senior exploitation.