

Don't let anyone pressure you into signing anything you are not comfortable with including. An insurance policy, sales agreement, or any type of contract. Read it carefully and have someone you trust check it over.

Beware of individuals claiming to represent companies, consumer organizations or government agencies that offer to recover lost money from fraudulent telemarketers for a fee.

If you're suspicious, call the police, the Better Business Bureau, or your local consumer protection office.

PROTECTING SENIORS FROM ABUSE, NEGLECT & EXPLOITATION

Who are elderly adult victims?
A person who is 65 or older.

What is abuse?

When a person suffers physical injury, sexual abuse, neglect or permits a situation where injury or danger could occur.

What is neglect?

Mal-nourishment or dehydration, inadequate hygiene or clothing, social isolation, lack of medical care, unsafe environment, abandonment or desertion.

What is exploitation?

Obtaining or using (unjustly or improperly) a vulnerable adult's funds, credit, assets or other property, by deception or intimidation, is against the law.

Report, Report, Report.

Utah law requires you to report if you have a reason to believe an elder adult is being abused, neglected or exploited.

You are protected if you report a suspicious situation. Let authorities investigate!

Call Adult Protective Services at 800-371-7897 or your local law enforcement agency.

To report a crime:

Unified Police Department
Dispatch 801-743-7000
In an emergency call 911

Senior Safety

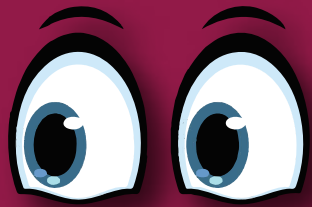


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Sheriff James M. Winder



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As you get older, your chances of being a victim of certain crimes becomes more prevalent. The greatest crime threat to seniors' is their well being and trust. Take these common sense precautions to help protect yourself.



BE ALERT WHEN OUT AND ABOUT

- Go with friends or family, never alone.
- Carry your purse close to your body, not dangling by the straps.
- Put a wallet in an inside coat or front pants pocket.
- Don't carry credit cards or large amounts of cash that you don't need.
- Use direct deposit for Social Security and other regular checks.
- Whether you're a passenger or driver, keep car doors locked.

- Be aware of your surroundings in parking lots and garages.
- When parking at night, park in a well light area or near the business entrance.

MAKE YOUR HOME SAFE AND SECURE



- Install good locks on doors and windows. Use them!
- Don't hide keys in mailboxes, planters, or under doormats. Instead, leave an extra set of keys with a trusted neighbor or friend.
- Ask for photo identification from service or delivery people before letting them in. If you are the least bit worried, call the company to verify.

- Be sure your street address number is large, clear of obstruction, and well lit so police and other emergency personnel can find your home quickly.
- Consider a home alarm system that provides emergency monitoring for burglary, fire and medical emergencies.
- Ask your local law enforcement agency for a security evaluation of your home.



WATCH OUT FOR CON ARTISTS

- Don't fall for anything that sounds too good to be true. If it sounds too good to be true it probably is.
- Never give personal information over the phone or internet. This includes your credit card, phone card, Social Security or bank account number.

