



CERT Monthly Safety Tip

Beware of Senior Citizen Scams

Seniors are duped out of more money every year than any other age group. Remember these important tips.

- **Do not answer calls from people claiming to be with the IRS saying there's an issue with your tax return.**
- **Do not take calls from people claiming to be a Medicare representative who needs to verify your Medicare ID#.**
- **Social Security will never call to ask for your bank information or SSN.**
- **Do not accept unsolicited calls for tech support.**
- **If an offer sounds too good to be true, it probably is! This is one of the oldest tricks in the book!**
- **Never answer a call that begins with "Are you there?" or "Can you hear me?"**
- **Watch out for the Grandparents Scam when someone pretends to be a family member, often a grandchild, and claims to be in urgent need of money to cover an emergency, medical care, or a legal problem.**
- **Report incidents to local law enforcement and the Federal Trade Commission at [ReportFraud.FTC.gov](https://www.ftc.gov/identity-theft)**

CERT is hosting a Senior Scam presentation by the Manatee County Sheriff's department on Feb. 8 at 6pm in the Oasis. Contact us at CERTDelWebbLWR@gmail.com for more info.