# Top Five Cybercrimes Affecting Older Adults

## Social Security Impersonation Scams

Scammers impersonate Social Security Administration employees to obtain your money or personal/financial information.


**Warning Signs:**

- The caller threatens to suspend your Social Security benefits.
- The caller trys to charge you for services the Social Security Administration provides for free.

## Robocalls

Hackers change their caller ID to a number other than the one they are calling from and pose as representatives from your bank, credit card company or a government agency to obtain your personal information.

**Warning Signs:**

- The message says you owe money and face legal or financial consequences if you don't pay right away.
- A prerecorded message tells you to press "1" or some other key to be taken off a call list.

## Romance Scams

Scammers create fake profiles on dating sites and social media, often using stolen photos, to obtain your money or personal/financial information.

**Warning Signs:**

- They ask you to start communicating by text or personal email, away from the original site you met on.
- After gaining your trust, they start telling you stories of bad luck or medical emergencies.
- They ask for money, gift cards, or funds to pay off credit cards.

## Family/Friend Imposter Scams

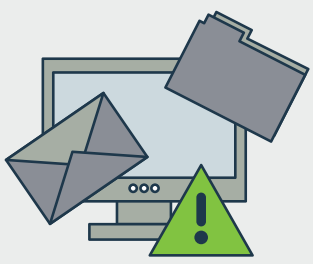
Fraudsters call you pretending to be a family member, often a grandchild, and claim to be in urgent need of money to cover an emergency.

**Warning Signs:**

- A grandchild is in trouble and needs money immediately.
- They don't want their parents to be contacted because it would get them in trouble.
- Payments are requested by wire transfer, prepaid debit card or gift card.

## Tech Support Scams

Scammers use pop-up messages, fake websites, or phone calls to trick you into thinking your computer has a serious problem. They obtain your money by having you pay for fake technical support, or steal your personal/financial information by gaining access to your computer.



**Warning Signs:**

- You are asked to pay for tech support or other services with a gift card, cash-reload card or wire transfer.
- The message contains bad grammar or misspelled words.
- Someone calls or emails you claiming to work for a brand-name tech company such as Microsoft or Apple.

**If you or someone you know has been affected by one of these scams, visit FightCybercrime.org for reporting and recovery help.**

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