

Financial Exploitation of Seniors Is More Common Than You Think . . .



*and it's happening
right here in your
own community!*

**If you think you or someone you
know may be a victim of
financial exploitation call the
Executive Office of Elder Affairs**

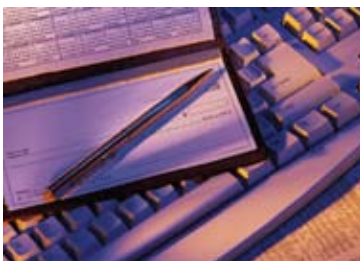
**Elder Abuse Hotline at
1-800-922-2275**

Could someone you know be

- Taking your money or belongings without your knowledge?
- Signing your name without permission?

Protect yourself from exploitation

- Never sign anything you don't understand.
- Never give away property in exchange for care.
- Know your banker, attorney, or financial advisor.
- Document financial arrangements in writing.
- Check the references and credentials of anyone who wants to work in your home, including utility workers and town employees.
- Beware of door-to-door sales people and telephone sales pitches.
- Don't give out your bank account number, credit card number, or other personal information over the phone or Internet.
- Stay socially active.



If it doesn't make sense, ask for help.



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Safety Tips:

- Never sign anything you don't understand.
- Plan ahead. Consider a trust or power of attorney.
- Don't isolate yourself, keep up with friends.
- Get to know your bank personnel.
- Use Direct Deposit.
- Ask for help.