



Office of Consumer Protection

Talk to your family. Talk to your friends. Talk to us.

“Grandma, it’s me.
I need help.”



Criminals are currently targeting Montana seniors with a phone scam that often begins with those heart-tugging words. The caller claims to be a person’s grandson or granddaughter.

There are several variations of the scam, but most follow a formula:

- The caller is a grandchild in trouble, often in a foreign country.
- The caller begs the grandparent not to tell his or her parents.
- The caller is being held by law enforcement.
- The caller needs bail money to get back home.
- The money must be wired to a foreign location.

Many Montana seniors have already been victimized by this scam. They have lost tens of thousands of dollars to criminals preying on their emotions.

Don’t be the next victim.

We are tracking this and other scams that victimize Montanans.

What can you do?

- Never wire money to someone you don’t know.
- Check out the story.
- Report all suspected scams to the Montana Department of Justice Office of Consumer Protection at **1-800-481-6896**
- Sign up to receive Scam Alerts by e-mail at our website.



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