



SCAM ALERT

Scam: The Grandparent Scam Target: All Seniors

You may receive a telephone call from someone who says that he/she is your grandchild or another family member. The scammer may tell you that he/she is in a foreign country and that he/she is in trouble. The scammer may claim to be injured, sick, in jail, or that he/she was robbed and all his/her possessions were stolen. Then the scammer may ask you for money. You must take precautions before providing any information or sending monies to anyone.

Local Law Enforcement have received reports of these crimes. This has been happening nationally and in Canada for years. These criminals prey upon the good nature and sense of family responsibility that are characteristics of many of our Senior Citizens. ***Do not be taken in by these scam artists!***

Criminals are pretending to be grandchildren in trouble and attempting to have you send them money!

These tips are recommended by Law Enforcement and may help you avoid this type of scam:

- 🔊 Ask the caller to tell you his/her full name.
- 🔊 Request a specific detail that only your grandchild or family member would know.
- 🔊 Choose a code for your family members to use when they telephone you.
- 🔊 Do not send any money until you are certain it is your family member, verified through a third party.
- 🔊 Call another family member to verify the information.
- 🔊 Never give any of your personal information over the telephone.

If you think you may be a victim of a scam, contact San Bernardino County Adult Protective Services (APS) at 877-565-2020, or your local police department.