



County of San Bernardino
Department of Aging and Adult Services
(DAAS)

SCAM ALERT

Scam: Lottery/Purchaser's Clearinghouse Fraud

Target: Seniors

This Scam Alert is in response to recent incidents that have occurred in San Bernardino County and across the country involving a group of criminals pretending to be lottery/prize officials. Scammers will call you at home and may say some or all of the following:

- (1) The caller is located outside the United States;
- (2) You have just won a lottery or Purchaser's Clearinghouse sweepstakes;
- (3) What is your home address for the limousine to pick you up;
- (4) What is your banking information or ask you to purchase a cash card, so that you can pay the fees and taxes on your lottery winnings.

Never Give Callers Any Information!

**If anyone tells you to keep something a secret;
tell someone you know and trust.**

Authorities are reminding everyone:

- It is illegal for U.S. citizens to enter foreign lotteries.
- Lottery scams made the top ten scam list of The Better Business Bureau.
- Legitimate lotteries and sweepstakes do not require fees to collect prizes.
- You cannot win a prize from a lottery or sweepstakes you did not enter.
- Never send money to people or organizations that you don't know.

**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.**