




SCAM ALERT

Scam: Foreign Lotteries Target: All Seniors

Seniors are cautioned to be wary of foreign lottery scams that begin with someone notifying you that you are the winner of a foreign lottery, even though you may not have purchased a ticket for this lottery. The scam artist is attempting to obtain your personal information, your money, or both. Do Not Respond!







Foreign lottery scams continue to be a danger to seniors!

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) states that it is a violation of federal law for you to play foreign lotteries through the mail or over the telephone. The FTC recommends that if you receive:

-  Lottery material in the mail: Return it to your postmaster.
-  A telephone call claiming you have won a foreign lottery: Just hang up.
-  An email claiming that you are a winner: Delete it.

The United States (U.S.) Postal Inspection Service states that people who respond to these foreign lottery scams lose approximately \$120 million dollars per year.

Some tell tale signs of a scam include:

-  You did not purchase a ticket.
-  They advise you not to tell anyone you have won.
-  There are grammatical errors in the email.
-  You are told you won based upon your email address or telephone number.
-  You are asked to pay a fee to collect your winnings.
-  You are asked for bank account information so that the winnings may be transferred.

**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.**