



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

SCAM ALERT

Scam: Grandchild Requesting Money

Target: Seniors

Beware of telephone calls from persons claiming to be a grandchild and saying he/she has been in an accident or is in jail, and needs money. The caller frequently knows the name of the person he/she is calling, and asks them ***not to discuss*** the matter with his/her parents. The caller may start the call by saying, "Grandma/Grandpa guess who!"

Follow these tips to avoid giving money to someone who pretends to be a relative:

- **Ask other family members** if they know about the situation *before sending money.*
- **Ask the grandchild** which jail or hospital they are in, and *confirm it.*
- **Do not send money** to someone other than the grandchild. ***if you choose to send money.***
- **Ask that identification be** provided by the grandchild *before paying any money.*

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.