



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

SCAM ALERT

Scam: Taking Money for Home Repairs Not Completed

Target: Elderly Homeowners

Beware of persons who offer to make home repairs and demand payment before the job is completed. These people then take the money and do not return to complete the repairs.

A scam artist may be in Inland Empire cities and the Los Angeles area, and is believed to be targeting seniors. He may identify himself as a handyman.

Follow these tips to avoid giving money to a scam artist for home repairs that will not be completed:

- **Ask to see** a business card or business license number.
- **Ask for references** of others for whom he/she has done work, and contact the references.
- **Do not pay** for work until it is finished.

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.