

This is a Fraud Alert issued by the York County Elder Abuse Task Force.

Periodically, members of the Task Force, along with the York County District Attorney's office who prosecute these devastating financial crimes will offer warnings about the latest financial scams targeting seniors here in York County.

Educating seniors about financial fraud is a top priority of the York County Elder Abuse Task Force. With that in mind, we want every senior in York County to remember the **3 Rs**:

Recognize a potential scam;
Refuse to make any hasty decisions; and
Report suspicious activity to police.

Stay safe and feel free to contact Area Agency on Again at 717 771 9610 or the District Attorney Dave Sunday at the District Attorney's Office (717-771-9600) with any questions.

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FRAUD ALERT – Stimulus Checks

Individuals have reported getting text messages that say you need to click on a link to accept your stimulus check payment. If you've gotten a text message like this, it's a scam. The text messages say that you've "received a direct deposit from COVID-19 Fund" and will include a phony link to "accept the payment." The IRS said that the official term is "economic impact payment," and scammers will likely say "stimulus check" or "stimulus payment" instead. Scammers are also trying to convince retirees who don't file a tax return to allow them to submit information on your behalf in order to receive your check faster. The IRS reminds you that no action is needed on the part of retirees to receive a stimulus check if they don't normally file a tax return. Anyone who asks to work on your behalf promising that they can get you money faster -- in person or online -- is a scammer. In addition, the IRS says you also shouldn't be asked to sign your check over to anyone else.

Think you've been scammed? Here's what to do.

- IRS suggests you go to [IdentityTheft.gov](https://www.identitytheft.gov). The site lets you report identity theft to the IRS and FTC simultaneously and develop a recovery plan.
- After checks are mailed, you can check out the IRS' Get My Payment page to keep track of your second stimulus check. Just tap the blue Get My Payment button to check the status of your economic impact payment.