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Our integrated team of investigators and support services ensure that the investigations are conducted in a timely fashion with leading edge techniques.

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What is "Elderly Financial Abuse"?

As a sad reality, elders become slowly more physically fragile which hurtfully means they become increasing inept to physically, mentally and emotionally defend themselves. Senior citizens are usually taken advantage of in the place where the senior lives (most often in their own home). Elderly financial abuse also of



own home). Elderly financial abuse also often occurs in established care centers (particularly long-term care facilities).

Financial Abuse

This is defined as unauthorized use of the elder's monies and/or property regardless of who you are and your relationship to the elder. Reported cases of financial abuse relate to the deliberate misuse of cheques/monies/credit cards, stealing of monies, fraudulent activities such as "monthly subscriptions" to bogus magazines or false investment accounts/deals and finally forgery of a signature.

Be Weary

There have been a couple of instances where reports of scams have come through where the elder's every movement was monitored which helped the scammer in their success to thieve the money from the senior citizen. Reports of elders returning home from their local grocer and being called to be informed that their credit card was compromised at the grocer they were just at and they now needed to provide their banking details in order to cancel the card have been reported. As this makes sense to the person (because they were just there), the elder will give up crucial details giving the scammer full access to their account and leaving the senior with nothing but an empty bank account.

Identity Theft

Going hand in hand with financial theft, most elder citizens could experience identity theft which is using another person's personal information usually for financial gain.



Stay Alert!

Understand that our elders have been on the Earth longer than we have owned credit cards however scams and identity theft are a new age crime. Gently keep your elders aware of what is happening in the world so they may alert you or their friends of anything they deem suspicious. If they do not know what to look out for, how will they know what to look out for? As a loved/trusted person close to your elder, be aware of what important information is laying around, for example, bank account details may be laying around for anyone to read on a desk when a cleaning service attends your loved one's home.