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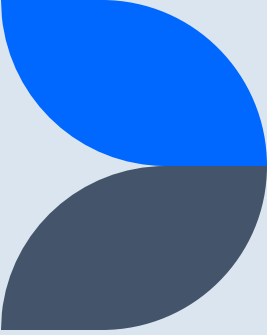
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Take Care of *Your* Assets

- **NEVER** give out sensitive personal information over the phone or electronically unless you have verified and are expecting the request.
- **Check all incoming bills**, including utility bills and credit card statements, for charges that you didn't authorize.
- **Don't transfer money or gift cards** to strangers or to someone over the phone.



Be Aware of Scams

- **Government impersonator scams**
- **Fake prize, sweepstakes, and lottery scams**
- **Computer tech support scams**
- **The grandparent scam**

Don't be Afraid to Ask Questions

Government Impersonation Scams

Why are they asking for YOUR account information if they called YOU?

Prize, Lottery, & Sweepstake Scams

Did they actually address it to your name or is it a generic message?

Why are they pressuring you to act quickly?

Computer Tech Support Scam

Why would a legitimate tech company be contacting you randomly, in a way that seems suspicious?

Wouldn't they earn your trust?

The Grandparent Scam

Are they asking for a form of payment that doesn't make sense, like a gift card, wire transfers, or reloadable prepaid credit cards?

It's ok to appear rude and ask questions!

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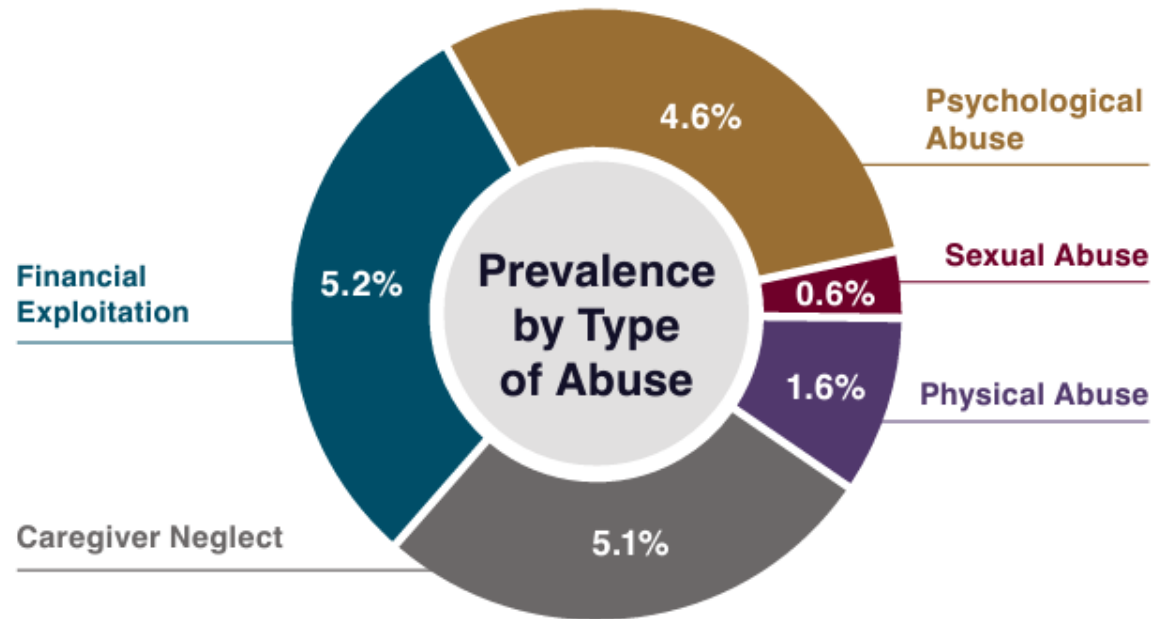
**Don't be quick to act,
be quick to think!**

USPIS Article on Grandparent Scams

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Know your Legal Protections

- **Elder Abuse** is real.
- **At least 10%** of adults age 60 and older will experience some form of elder abuse this year.
- **Don't be silent.**



Know your Legal Protections

ONLY
1 in 24

cases of elder abuse is reported to adult protective services or law enforcement.

The intimate nature of many of these victimizations means that older victims are less likely to report offenses committed by someone they know.

Tell someone if you have been harmed!

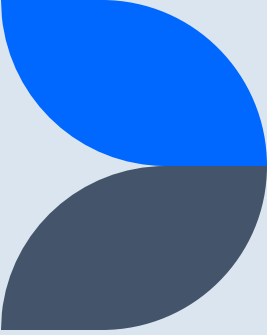


Stay Connected and In Community

- **Build strong social connections.**
- **Participate in local senior programs.**
- **Stay engaged and informed about community events.**



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