

# Scam Alerts

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Everyday millions of people are defrauded by unscrupulous individuals with schemes to obtain your personal information. Senior citizens are PRIME targets. These individuals are very clever and convincing. Phone call and email SCAMS are probably the most common. Please be ALERT. Do not provide your name, social security number, any financial information or PIN numbers, etc. One of the largest and most successful email SCAMS is the Nigerian SCAM, followed by the Craig List SCAM. If you get a phone call or an email on any of the below issues:

- You need credit card protection
- Offering free loans and/or cell phones
- IRS
- Someone claiming to be a collection agency for various companies
- Indicating you have bad credit and they can repair your credit
- Your PC is infected
- Someone states they are a member of your family or a family member is in serious medical condition and needs money for medical bills/bail bonds etc.
- Representing City, State Trooper or Sheriff's Office
- How to Guard Against EBOLA
- Mystery Shopper
- Offering a great deal on Vacation Property
- Military Retirees--TRICARE is warning beneficiaries of the need to be aware of a telephone scam affecting beneficiaries older than 65 and on Medicare nationwide. A caller will usually identify themselves as being an official Medicare vendor, and will then offer to sell beneficiaries back braces. Do not give any personal identifiable information, such as birth date, Social Security number or banking information if you receive such a call. TRICARE representatives never ask beneficiaries for this information when calling for an official Department of Defense survey. Beneficiaries who receive a call of this nature, can contact the Defense Health Agency Program (DHA) Program Integrity Office directly. For more information on fraud and abuse reporting, visit the TRICARE Fraud and Abuse website at [www.TRICARE.mil/fraud](http://www.TRICARE.mil/fraud).

They are all scams!

This is just a short list of SCAMS and more are added each day. Be alert and be smart. If you do not recognize the caller, know the information they told you is incorrect, then hang up immediately. Don't get into a conversation with the caller, DO NOT PROVIDE ANY PERSONAL or FINANCIAL INFORMATION.