

# Scams

Common scams:

<https://www.thomsonreuters.com/en-us/posts/investigation-fraud-and-risk/senior-citizens-financial-scams>

Personal emergency scams:

<https://connectsafely.org/how-i-nearly-fell-for-a-frightening-virtual-kidnapping-scam>

<https://connectsafely.org/voice-cloning-makes-virtual-kidnapping-more-convincing>

<https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/scammers-use-fake-emergencies-steal-your-money>

You owe us / we owe you scams:

<https://dfpi.ca.gov/2022/07/21/beware-of-fake-debt-collectors>

Relationship scams:

<https://www.ice.gov/features/LoveOnline>

<https://www.ftc.gov/news-events/data-visualizations/data-spotlight/2023/02/romance-scammers-favorite-lies-exposed>

IRS, Social Security, and Medicare scams

<https://www.nerdwallet.com/article/taxes/avoid-irs-scams>

Tech support scams:

<https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/how-spot-avoid-and-report-tech-support-scams>

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/dc-md-va/2023/12/14/cyber-crime-scams-irs-taxes>

# Cyber Security for the Individual

## Further Reading

General security:

<https://connectsafely.org/seniors>

Choosing a strong password:

<https://www.connectsafely.org/passwords>

<https://www.popsci.com/how-to-choose-safe-passwords>

Two-factor authentication:

<https://consumer.ftc.gov/articles/use-two-factor-authentication-protect-your-accounts>

<https://www.kaspersky.com/resource-center/threats/sim-swapping>

Using https and public Wi-Fi:

<https://www.eff.org/https-everywhere>

<https://www.tallpoppy.com/blog/you-probably-dont-need-a-vpn>

<https://us.norton.com/blog/privacy/public-wifi>