

Scams Targeting Seniors

Scams are rampant these days. Unfortunately, many scams are targeted towards the senior population. The FBI reported that seniors lose over \$3 Billion dollars to scams every year. It's important to know what to look out for in order to recognize and avoid being scammed.

Vocabulary Terms

Scam: A dishonest or fraudulent scheme.

Malware: A system designed to disrupt, damage or gain access to a computer system.

Ransomware: A malicious software designed to block access to a computer system until a sum of money is paid.

Phishing: An act of pretending to be someone they're not, usually a familiar person or reputable company, in order to obtain personal or financial information.

1. What are 3 red flags to be aware of when it comes to scams?

Red Flag: Pressure to act quickly

Red Flag: Requesting Money

Red Flag: Asking for sensitive information

2. Draw a line to match each scam category with the correct scam type:



3. What organizations can you report scams/scammers to?

FTC and FBI

4. My biggest takeaway:

Answers will vary.