

7 Steps to Protect Your Loved Ones or Older Family Friends:



1. STAY IN TOUCH

Talk about the dangers of elder abuse. Share stories like this with them.



2. TAKE A STEP BACK

If someone says your grandchild needs bail money, call the parents or the police department to verify. If someone claiming to be your new soulmate needs money ASAP, cut ties immediately.



3. BE CAUTIOUS

When someone you don't know calls, texts or knocks on your door offering services, trust your gut and remain skeptical.



4. DON'T SHARE

Do not provide personal identification over the phone or in an email with businesses or people you don't know or haven't verified.



5. VERIFY, VERIFY, VERIFY

The internet makes it easy to confirm a phone number, website or even a potential romantic partner.



6. STAY CURRENT ONLINE

Keep your computer updated with the latest antivirus security and malware protection, which help limit potential scams.



7. HANG UP OR LOG OFF

If you're unsure of someone's identity, cut them off immediately.