## Safety for Seniors

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#### **Protect Yourself**

- Carry a cell phone for emergencies
- Walk confidently
- Be aware of your surroundings
- Do not carry ID on your key ring
- Safety in numbers
- If traveling, ask hotel clerk or travel agent about unsafe areas



## **Shopping Tips**

- Park near entrances
- Don't carry large sums of money
- Lock bundles in trunk
- Have your keys ready
- Don't fight with a thief
- Don't carry wallet in your back pocket
- Be watchful of your purse



### **Home Repairs**

- Beware of workers offering repairs for a low price. <u>Ask for I.D.</u>
- Get at least three estimates
- Check each by calling the Better Business Bureau ~ (513) 421-3015
- Be cautious of unscheduled construction workers or meter readers
- If someone starts repairs on your home without your permission, call the police immediately

#### **Protect Your Home**

- Be careful hiding keys
- Don't leave doors, windows or your garage door unlocked
- Set timers for lights and appliances
- Install and use a peephole and deadbolt
- Program voicemail so it seems as though you don't live alone

## **Identity Theft**

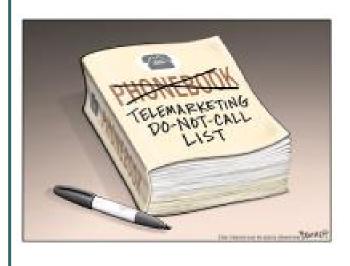


- Do not put your SSN on checks
- Cancel and shred unused credit cards and closed account checks
- Never keep your PIN number in your wallet or purse
- Take credit card receipts with you
- Never give out personal information on the phone or via e-mail

#### **Common Scams**

- U.S. Census requests
- Nigerian scam
- Bank phishing sites
- Auction fraud

#### **Telemarketers**



Purchase caller ID

Contact the"DO NOT CALL REGISTRY"888-382-1222

 Be cautious of high-pressure sale tactics

## Safeguard Your Finances

- "Direct deposit" pension checks
- Keep access codes secret
- Vary banking routines
- Have contracts read by others
- Avoid "balloon payments" and "next-day approval plans
- Use traveler's checks or credit cards ~ do NOT carry large amounts of cash
- Be cautious of strangers who ask to share or borrow money

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- Victim-Witness Advocates are available
- We can help make contacts and referrals to law enforcement, social service agencies, and Ohio Victims of Crime
- Additional resources are available on our website:

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