

# *Safety for Seniors*

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# Protect Yourself

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- **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

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- Beware of workers offering repairs for a low price. Ask for I.D.
- 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

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- 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

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- 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

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

# Telemarketers

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- Purchase caller ID



- Contact the  
**“DO NOT CALL REGISTRY”**  
888-382-1222
- Be cautious of high-pressure sale tactics

# Safeguard Your Finances

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- “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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