

Fraud Targeting the Elderly

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ROMANCE SCAMS

- Particular posting
- Research (photos)
- Ask questions
- Protect answers
- Never send money or gift cards



GRANDPARENT SCAMS

- Scammers pose as an authority figure
- Tell you it's urgent! Send money now
- Encourage you to keep it a secret.
- Resist the pressure, hang up, contact a family member.

IMPERSONATION SCAMS

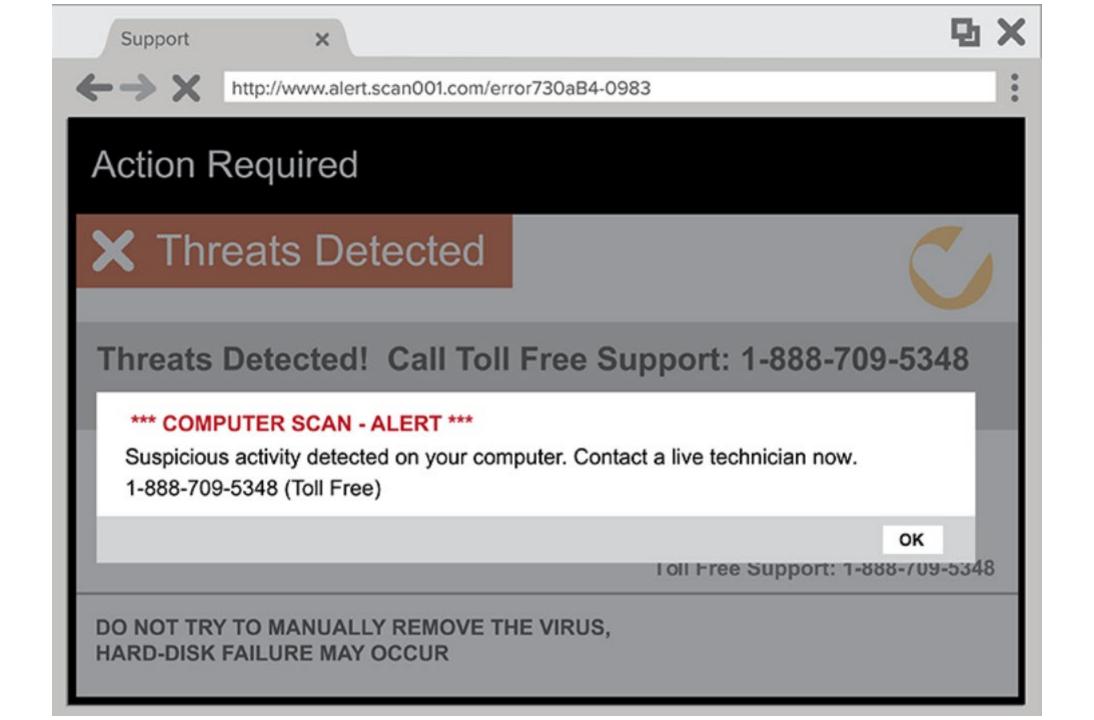
 Scammers pose as a government official, often law enforcement and threaten to arrest you if you don't send money





SUPPORT SCAMS

- Tell you there's a problem with computer and will ask for remote access
- Push "pop up" notifications on your screen telling you to click and/or call the number now
- Ads on websites telling you to call a number now or something will happen
- Banks





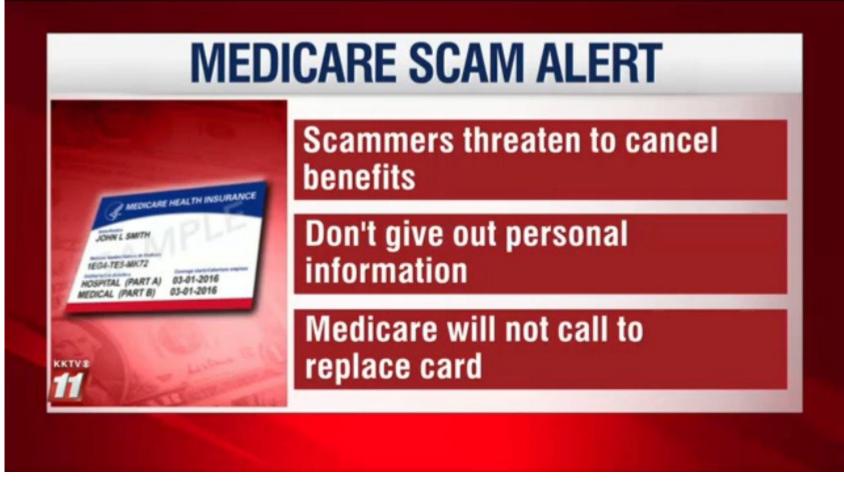
LOTTERY SCAMS

- You won! Fee for prizes
- Charity donations

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CHECK WASHING

- What's old is new again
- Targets businesses and individuals
- Disguise envelope



MEDICARE SCAMS

- Substitution of inferior equipment
- Watch billing statements for fraudulent billing
- 1-800-MEDICARE



DON'T:

- Be embarrassed
- Continue communicating to the scammer
- Send money, gift cards, or cellphones
- Provide further personal information



DO:

- Verify all information before giving any personal information out to someone you have not met
- Contact local law enforcement if you're unsure
 - Report scammers to IC3.gov, the state Attorney General's office, the FTC, or other channels
- Talk to someone you trust if you're still unsure

FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center

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RESOURCES

IC3.gov: FBI's Internet Crimes Complaint Center

Oag.state.us/consumerprotection: State Attorney General's complaint center

Reportfraud.Ftc.gov: Federal Trade Commission Consumer Report Center

AARP: aarp.org/fraudpreventionnetwork