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Every day, millions of Americans lose their hard-earned money to identity theft, investment fraud and other types of scams. Last year alone, 12.6 million Americans were victims of identity theft—that's one person victimized every 3 seconds.

With scammers busy thinking up new ways to steal your money, how can you protect yourself and your family?

AARP Fraud Watch Network

AARP launched the Fraud Watch Network — a campaign to fight identity theft and fraud and give you access to information about how to protect yourself and your family and friends. Non-members and members alike can get our watchdog alerts, learn about active scams, and find resources about what to do to spot and avoid them. We're inviting anyone, of any age, to participate in this conversation free of charge just by visiting our website.

Before fraud occurs, we're providing you with information about how to safeguard against identity theft and fraud. If you've been victimized, we are here to help you.

On aarp.org/fraudwatchnetwork, you'll find:

Inside the Con Artist's Playbook:

Before fraud occurs, we provide you with information about how to safeguard against identity theft and fraud and how scammers think so you can build up your defenses against the kinds of tricks con artists use.

Watchdog Alerts: Stay up to date on the latest scams and get access to a network of people who can show you how to avoid being scammed. As criminals develop new ways to target victims, we'll provide you warnings and critical information so you can always be on your guard.



First-Hand Accounts From Victims:

Hear stories from victims who will share their experiences to help you protect your hard-earned money and show you what it takes to recover if you've been defrauded.

One-Stop Resource for Getting Help:

Find out what to do if you or someone you know has been victimized.

Anyone interested in learning what to look out for can access our information and resources for free. You can receive alerts about scams and local events. By becoming a part of the Fraud Watch Network, you can pass this information along to others who might need it.

If you or someone you know has been a victim of fraud, contact: 877-908-3360

AARP

AARP began more than 50 years ago because its founder, Dr. Ethel Percy Andrus, found a former teacher of hers living in a chicken coop. She was appalled. Here was a woman who'd worked her whole life, yet she couldn't afford a place to live. That shocking discovery prompted Ethel to start AARP – an organization dedicated to protecting the financial security of older Americans.

Across the nation and in Minnesota, AARP is dedicated to protecting your financial security. We are fighting ID theft and fraud and giving you access to information to protect yourself and your family.

By joining the Fraud Watch Network at **AARP.org/FraudWatchNetwork** you can pass this information on to others who may need it.

In Minnesota, AARP has a trained team of Fraud Fighter volunteers who can visit community gatherings with information about scams and how to avoid becoming a victim.

To schedule a Fraud Watch Network presentation in your community or learn about Fraud Fighter volunteers, contact:

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