



**Your next
phone call
could be
a scam...**

**Are you
prepared?**

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Your identity could be stolen in the blink of an eye

Nearly half of the phone calls people receive are scam calls. Last year alone, people reported losing \$1.48 billion to fraud. Don't let yourself become a victim.

Unfortunately, con artists are trying to take advantage of people in order to make money. Here are some tips to avoid becoming victim to malicious scammers:

- Resist the pressure to act quickly.
- Ask for the caller's name, business title, and the business's phone number, address, mailing address, and a business license number before you do business with them.
- Ask for hard copies about the services, products, or offers they are making to be sent to your house for review.
- Never wire money as the result of a phone request, especially overseas.
- Don't give out your Social Security Number or Medicare information.

Report any fraud to your local, state, or federal law enforcement agencies.

You may also contact:

- **AARP ElderWatch** at 1-800-222-4444, option 2
- **Consumer Financial Protection Bureau** at 1-855-411-2372
- **State Department Office of Overseas Citizen Services (OCS)** at 1-888-407-4747
- **FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center** at www.ic3.gov

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