

Important phone numbers

Emergencies

Emergency Fire, Police, EMS	911
Suffolk County Sheriff	631-852-2200
National Grid Emergency Line	1-800-892-2345
NYS Police	631-756-3300

Suffolk County

Board of Elections	631-852-4500
County Clerk	631-852-2000
Good Samaritan Hospital	631-376-3000
Dept. of Health Services	631-854-0000
Dept. of Motor Vehicles	718-477-4820
Office for the Aging	631-853-8200

State Assistance

Attorney General Helpline	800-771-7755
Dept. of Taxation & Finance	518-530-4357
NYS Division of Consumer Protection	800-697-1220
NYS Division of Veterans' Services	888-838-7697
NYS Office of Victim Services	800-247-8035

Federal Assistance

Equifax	800-525-6285
Experian	888-397-3742
TransUnion	800-680-7289
Postal Service	800-275-8777
Senator Charles E. Schumer	631-753-0978
Senator Kirsten Gillibrand	631-249-2825
Social Security	800-772-1213

Services & Hotlines

EPIC Helpline	800-332-3742
Federal Trade Commission Identity Theft Hotline	877-438-4338
Federal Trade Commission Consumer Response Center	877-382-4357
Medicare Helpline	800-633-4227
NYS Office for the Aging Hotline	800-342-9871
Utility Bill Problems	800-342-3377
"Do Not Call" Telemarketing Registry	888-382-1222

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Resource guide for seniors

Assemblywoman Kimberly Jean-Pierre: Important information to help make your life easier



Medicare

Medicare is a federal health insurance program for people 65 and older. Part A helps pay for inpatient care in a hospital or skilled nursing facility after a hospital stay, nursing home care, some home health care and hospice care. Part B offers supplemental medical insurance to help pay doctor fees, outpatient hospital services and other medical items and services not covered by Part A. Part C, or private Medicare Advantage Plans, gives people with Parts A and B an option to have all of their Medicare-covered health care under one umbrella. Part D provides prescription drug coverage for everyone with Medicare. To enroll in Part D, you must join a plan run by an insurance company or other private company approved by Medicare. For more information on finding a plan, visit www.medicare.gov/find-a-plan.

Help at Home

The Expanded In-home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP) helps people 60 and older who want to live at home but need help with everyday activities. You can visit www.nyconnects.ny.gov to find service providers in your community.

Prescription Drug Assistance

The Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) Program provides secondary coverage to income-eligible seniors age 65 and older for Medicare Part D-covered prescription drugs after any Part D deductible is met. It also covers many Medicare Part D-excluded drugs. Seniors who are not receiving full Medicaid benefits and whose income is no higher than \$75,000 or \$100,000 if married are eligible. For more information, visit health.ny.gov/health_care/epic.

Property Tax Relief

The Enhanced STAR program allows eligible seniors to receive exemptions on the taxable value of their homes, resulting in significant school tax savings. The program is available to seniors who make less than \$86,000. For more information on the STAR program, visit tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/default.htm.

Protect Yourself from Scammers

To avoid scammers who try to call you:

1. Hang up on robocalls.
2. Don't trust your caller ID.
3. Talk to someone you trust before giving up your money or information.

Be cautious of skimming devices that try and steal your credit or debit card information

1. Before using an ATM, gas pump or card reader, inspect it to make sure nothing is loose, crooked or damaged.
2. Cover the keypad when entering your PIN.
3. Use ATMs that are inside whenever possible.
4. If your card isn't returned after you're done with the machine, immediately contact your financial institution.

To avoid being a victim of fraud:

- Minimize the amount of personal information you carry or store.
- Never give out personal information over the phone unless you initiated the call.
- Immediately contact the three major credit bureaus and your creditors if you suspect or have been a victim of identity theft and file a report with your local police department.



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