

# Assemblyman Charles D. Fall and NYPD Protecting Residents From Theft and Fraudulent Scams



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“In today’s modern world, keeping your personal information and possessions secure and confidential is becoming increasingly difficult. While our senior citizens are unfortunately the prime targeted victims of theft and scams, all demographics are at risk. Let’s all work together to be safe out there.”

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles D. Fall".

Assemblyman Charles D. Fall  
61st Assembly District



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As the Chair of the Subcommittee on Consumer Fraud Protection and majority member of the Assembly Aging Committee, I am committed to working with the NYPD and our District Attorney in safeguarding the public against car thefts and telephone scams that have spiked in recent months, especially on Staten Island.

- 1. It is important to note** that a significant number of cars stolen on Staten Island had keys left in the car. **As a friendly reminder, remember to always lock your car doors, do not leave your car running unattended, leave valuables out of view, and if you see suspicious activity around parked vehicles, please call 911 immediately.**
- 2. Be wary if an unknown person** calls requesting payment for the following: **A relative or friend has been arrested or has been in an accident. You have an outstanding bill and unless you pay, your service will be shut off. You have unpaid taxes to the IRS, or you have unclaimed sweepstakes winnings.**

It is important to note, that the police, government agencies, and utility companies **will not** ask you to make payments over the phone.

- 3. Use caution if the caller requests** payment by using a **Green Dot Card, Western Union, Money Orders, or Bank Wires. Again, if you receive any suspicious calls, call 911.**
- 4. When it comes to unattended property,** **never leave your purse or wallet unattended in shopping carts, strollers, parks, or areas accessible to others and never leave your cell phone unattended.**



## Assemblyman Fall passes 2022 Legislation that was signed into NYS Law

**A.7487:** The purpose of this law is to protect victims of identity theft by requiring creditors to cease collection activities until completion of their review of certain information, giving the victim the option to have reported such acts to law enforcement or through a filing made by the victim to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) ID Theft Victim's reporting process.



## Additional Helpful Links:

- New York State Department of Tax and Finance: <https://www.tax.ny.gov/help/contact/fraud/>
- New York City Consumer Worker and Protection: <https://www.nyc.gov/site/dca/consumers/scams.page>
- New York State Attorney General Office: <https://ag.ny.gov/smart-seniors>