Is Your Online Life Safe?

What RISE **retirees** and family members need to know about modern scams.

$4.8B Lost to Fraud by Adults 60+ in 2024 - up 43% from 2023.	**1 in 9** Older adults recieved a suspcious contact online in 2024.	**$83K** Average loss per adult victim - 4x more than younger adults.	**43%** Rise in elder fraud reports (mainly unreported) in 2025.

Top Scams Targeting Retirees

Impersonation Calls

Scammers can pose as anyone - the IRS, your bank, or even your family. Urgent tone + authority = pressure to act fast.

Tech Support Hoax

A pop-up or call says your computer has a virus. Once access is granted, scammers drain bank accounts and steal passwords.

AI Voice Cloning

Criminals can clone a loved one's voice using just seconds of audio. A distressed call can become hard to tell if it's real.

Romance & Investment

Online relationships built over weeks — then a "can't-miss" investment. Investment scams alone cost seniors $1.8B in 2024.

Story Spotlight:

'The Grandparent Scam,' an organized digital scam operation targeting seniors

According to a 60 Minutes report, the Attigs were scammed when they were told their grandson needed $7,600 for bail. Believing it was true, they gave money to a courier. **After being asked for more funds, they recorded calls and shared them with law enforcement.** Though they couldn't recover their stolen money, the authorities dismantled a larger crime ring that had defrauded at least 70 seniors.

Read more about this story from CBS News or watch the full story on 60 Minutes

If you've been scammed - report it. It's never too late.

The FBI fights organized scams targeting older adults through its Elder Justice Task Forces, relying on brave victims to report fraud. Reporting elder fraud helps protect seniors.

877-908-3360 AARP Fraud Watch Helpline - Free. Trained volunteers provide guidance and emotional support.	**ReportFraud.ftc.gov** File a report to help protect others and potentially recover funds.	**ic3.gov** FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center - for online, email, and investment scams.

How can you take proactive steps to protect yourself?

- ✓ Turn on two-factor authentication and store passwords safely.
- ✓ Create a family code word for emergencies.
- ✓ Have a trusted friend/family member for second opinions.
- ✓ Review bank and credit card statements monthly. Use free credit monitoring tools to watch for new accounts in your name.

Stay safe and informed.

Our information to serve RISE Retirees* have been reviewed and approved by former officer **Clayton Cranford, the Cyber Safety Cop.**

Visit cybersafetycop.com for more information.

The RISE Social initiative aims to support **retirees** to not only stay safe online — *but also* discover how technology can fuel passions and connectivity. Learn more about our resources at risereporting.com/risesocial