

Scam Recognition Checklist

Stop Elderly Scams – www.stopelderlyscams.com

Grandparent Scam

- The caller claims to be your grandchild in trouble.
- They ask for secrecy ('Don't tell mom or dad').
- They want payment via gift cards, Venmo, or wire transfer.

Fake Prizes & Lotteries

- You're told you've won but must pay taxes or fees to claim it.
- You don't remember entering any contest.
- The message has poor grammar or urgent language.

Package Delivery Scam

- You receive a suspicious text or email about a package.
- The message contains a strange link.
- You're asked for personal info or a payment to redeliver.

IRS or Social Security Scam

- Caller threatens arrest or suspension of benefits.
- They demand immediate payment or personal details.
- They refuse to provide proper identification.

Romance Scam

- They claim to love you quickly after meeting online.
- They avoid phone/video calls or meeting in person.
- They ask for money due to an 'emergency'.