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# Use Common Sense to Spot a Con

It's not always easy to spot con artists. They are smart, extremely persuasive, and aggressive. They invade your home through the telephone, the internet, and the mail. They advertise in well know newspapers and magazines; and knock on your door. Most people think they are too smart to fall for a con. But, con artists rob all kinds of people, from investment counselors, doctors, teenagers and senior citizens. One easy rule to remember: If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

## You Can Protect Yourself

- ❖ Remember if you call a 900 number to claim a prize you will end up paying for the call
- ❖ Don't let an aggressive con artist pressure you into a decision
- ❖ Contact the better business bureau, your local state Attorneys General office, or local consumer affairs office for more information
- ❖ Do not give telemarketers your personal information

## Be a Wise Consumer

- ❖ Never accept offers from drive up workers who "just happen" to be in the neighborhood
- ❖ Never pay a contractor with cash
- ❖ Never provide your personal information in a return email
- ❖ Con artists use official looking forms and language to lure victims

## Some Typical Scams Targeted at Seniors

- ❖ In order to claim the prize, you need to mail a check to cover the taxes and delivery costs
- ❖ It promises a quick cure for cancer, arthritis, memory loss, or low back pain
- ❖ All you have to do is send a check for \$500

### Additional Links:

[national do not call list](#)  
[national fraud information center](#)  
[national consumers league](#)  
[internet crime complaint center](#)