

## **Scam Prevention Resources and Tips**

**Wisconsin/National Do Not Call List:** 1-888-382-1222 or <u>nocall.wisconsin.gov</u> -You can register your home and a cell number. Tip: you must call from the phone you want registered.

Cyber-Seniors: 1-844-217-3057 or cyberseniors.org -Free technology support and training

**Charity Navigator:** <u>charitynavigator.org</u> -Organizations that are highly rated on Charity Navigator efficiently steward donations and are accountable and transparent.

**Monitor your credit.** Credit monitoring services track your credit report and alert you whenever a change is made, such as a new account or a large purchase. Most services will notify you within 24 hours of any change to your credit report.

- Consider placing a free credit freeze on your credit report. Identity thieves will not be able to open a new credit account in your name while the freeze is in place. You can place a credit freeze by contacting each of the three major credit bureaus:
  - 1. Equifax: 1-866-478-0027 or equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/credit-freeze/
  - 2. Experian: 1-888-397-3742 or experian.com/freeze/center.html
  - 3. **TransUnion**: 1-800-680-7289 or <u>transunion.com/credit-freeze</u>
- Place a fraud alert on your credit report. A fraud alert tells lenders and creditors to take extra steps to verify your identity before issuing credit. You can place a fraud alert by contacting any one of the three major credit bureaus listed above.

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## Here's what to do if you were scammed...

## Contact your local law enforcement and adult protective services.

City of Stoughton Police Non-Emergency: 608-873-3374 Dane County Adult Protective Services: 608-261-9933

## Other resources for reporting scams:

Wisconsin Elder Abuse Hotline:1-833-586-0107 or <u>reportelderabusewi.org</u> Wisconsin Consumer Protection Bureau: 1-800-422-7128 or <u>datcp.wi.gov</u> FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center: <u>IC3.gov</u> FTC Identity Theft Recovery: <u>identitytheft.gov</u>