

# Frauds and Scams.

- Be aware of scams and frauds.
- Look out for phrases such as “Something for nothing, big money guaranteed, get rich quick, limited time only...act now”.
- Street con-artists take advantage of human weaknesses such as greed, gullibility and goodness. They make the victim feel so foolish they are reluctant to report it. Street con-artists often carry out their scam in a short period of time.
- Home improvement scam artists target home owners with fraudulent home repairs or improvements. Only use reputable companies. Read all contracts before signing. Do not allow “door to door” sales-people into your home.
- Be aware of telephone and mail fraud. Do not divulge any personal information over the telephone or via the mail. Do not send money. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- Be firm and inform the other party that you are not interested in whatever it is they are promoting. Do not get lured in by their fast talking tactics.