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Protect Yourself: Investment Fraud

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- Recognizing investment scams

AWARE!

- Protecting yourself from fraud

AVOID!

- Steps to take if you become a victim

ACTION!



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Beware of Investment Seminars



- Investment seminars are designed to sell.
- The seminar's speakers may be biased in their product recommendations.
- "Experts" may misrepresent their qualifications.



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Beware of Investment Seminars



- Be alert to possible scams.
- Product recommendations must be suitable for you.
- Don't be a victim of "bait and switch" tactics.



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Annuities



- Annuities are generally considered a long-term investment option.
- Money invested in annuities typically cannot be accessed for several years without substantial penalties.
- In some cases the principle invested may never be available without penalties.



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Annuities



- While annuities are legitimate investment products, they are not suitable for all investors.
- Remember annuities can lock up your money for long periods of time.



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Affinity Fraud



- Investment scams that prey upon members of identifiable groups.
- The fraudsters frequently are - or pretend to be - members of the group.
- These scams exploit the trust and friendship that exist in groups of people who have something in common.



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AVOID these Warning Signs

- No risk, guaranteed returns.
- Leading you to believe that other savvy investors already invested.
- Creating a false sense of urgency.



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Protect Yourself, Protect Your Future

Now more than ever, seniors need information to help them with financial and health care decisions, and that will protect them against scam artists and predators. Nationwide, as many as 5,000,000 seniors fall victim to financial abuse each year.



Click here to watch Mike Cox's video message

This website is a clearinghouse for helpful information on consumer protection, financial matters, health care issues and veterans' services. It provides links to a wide variety of state and federal programs to help make informed decisions that can benefit you and your family.

The Senior Brigade also features a statewide calendar of events, sorted by

Senior Events Calendar

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Immediately report it to one of the consumer reporting companies: Equifax: 1-800-525-6285; Experian 1-888-397-3742; or TransUnion: 1-800-680-7289.

The company you call is required to contact the other two companies. Also visit www.ftc.gov/idtheft for other tips.

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