Things you can do to keep yourself safe:

- Don’t panic
- Don’t share or give out any information
- Don’t verify any information
- Hang up the phone when it’s an unknown caller
- Know it’s never your fault
- Know you can fight back
- Report it

Call for help now!
1-800-223-9074

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FINANCIAL EXPLOITATION IS A CRIME

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What is Financial Exploitation?
Financial exploitation is the illegal or improper use of another individual’s assets or funds for personal use.

How Does Financial Exploitation Occur?
A vulnerable adult can be exploited in many ways:
- Deception/Too Confused to Give Consent
- False Pretenses/Trickery
- Coercion/Harassment
- Duress/Stress
- Threats/Intimidation
- Not Keeping Track or Know Your Monthly Bills or Income

Who are Some of the People who Commit Exploitation?
- Strangers
- Family members
- Caretakers
- Neighbors
- Friends/Acquaintances
- Attorneys
- Doctors/Nurses
- Religious Leaders
- Bank Employees
...Anyone

How Does Financial Exploitation Happen?
Financial exploitation happens in many ways that seem normal such as:
- Scams - Phone Calls, Lottery, IRS, Charities, Telemarketers, Sweepstakes
- Bank/Check Fraud/Forging Signature/Unexpected Transfer of Funds
- Mail/Email
- Misuse of Debit or Credit Card
- Misuse/Abuse of Power of Attorney
- Withholding Individual Funds or Misusing Funds
- Real Estate/Mortgages/Reverse Mortgages
- Home Improvement

What Can You Do To Stop Exploitation Happen?

Call Us for Help
Adult Protective Services
Toll Free 1-800-223-9074
24 hours a day
Throughout the state of Delaware