

MISSION:

It is our mission to promote the fair, impartial and expeditious pursuit of justice in every case; to ensure safer communities, and to promote integrity in our profession.

It is our mission to temper justice with compassion, and to do our work in an open, transparent, and accountable way.

If you see a crime, call the police!

In an emergency call

911

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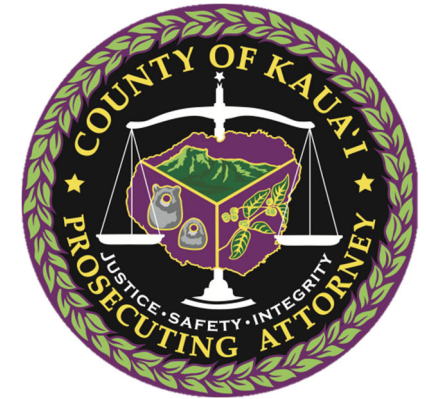
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Information for Kupuna on Scams

Common Telephone Scams

- Asks for donations to fake charities
- Sells products that are worthless or never delivered
- Offers guaranteed investments
- Offers to help get your money back from another scam
- Poses as a lawful business and asks for personal information
- Sends text asking you to confirm information to receive a package
- Says it is a limited time offer or only available by phone
- Asks you to pay something in advance to get your prize or gift
- Pressures you to make an immediate decision
- Long distance romantic interests who need money for a ticket/bills

Tips:

- No company or government agency will ask for personal info over the phone. If someone says they are calling from a bank, health care or government agency to update your info, ask for their name, employee ID and extension. Tell them you will call them back to verify or just hang up.
- Get details of offer in writing
- Remember there is no such thing as a “no risk” investment

Common Health Care Scams

- “Miracle” cures or products that don’t work
- Claims made to your health insurance for care you didn’t receive
- Discount medical plans that don’t end up saving you any money

Tips:

- Talk to your health-care provider before purchasing any medical items
- Don’t sign blank health insurance forms
- Don’t give insurance information to anyone offering free medical equipment
- Check insurance statements and report errors or claims for services that you didn’t get
- Get details in writing before purchasing anything

Common Door-to-Door Scams

- Being offered services such as home repairs, yardwork, and household products
- Being urged to let the person come inside your house
- Being asked for full payment up front or in cash
- Being told the deal is only good that day

Tips:

- Don’t open the door for strangers
- Get all details in writing
- Check business references
- Don’t pay until the work is done
- Shop around or get estimates from other companies

Common Identity Theft Scams

- Someone asks for your name, date of birth, or address
- Someone tries to get your social security number, driver’s license number, or credit card number

Tips:

- Protect your personal information
- Only give personal info to trusted companies that you contact directly
- Shred personal info before throwing away
- Don’t carry your social security card in your wallet
- Check credit card and bank statements regularly
- Check your credit report regularly at:
 - 877-322-8228
 - www.annualcreditreport.com
- Ignore and delete emails and texts that ask for personal information
- Don’t open files, click on links or download programs sent by strangers. Doing so could expose your system to a computer virus or spyware that captures your passwords or any other info you type.

If you are a Victim:

Info Needed to Make a Report:

- Who was involved? Who was there?
- What happened?
- How did it happen?
- When – dates, times (as best you can remember) – write it down
- Where did it happen?

Who to contact?

- Kaua‘i Police Department
(808) 241-1711
- Adult Protective Services
(808) 832-5115
- Office of the Prosecuting Attorney
(808) 241-1888
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