



Seniors often need work done on their homes, but frequently are not aware of the legitimate costs of these jobs. As a result, con artists often target seniors in home renovation frauds.

Senior citizens are often targeted by con artists and fraudsters and the reasons for this include:

- Seniors often live alone.
- Seniors often have more disposable income.
- Seniors are generally more trusting than younger people.

GENERAL TIPS TO PREVENT FRAUD AGAINST SENIORS

1. Do not rush into agreements dealing with your money or property. Take time to think it over, read the fine print and discuss the matter with a family member or friend.
2. Ask questions and check references.
3. Always get a written estimate and compare it to other estimates from known reputable businesses.
4. Be wary of something-for-nothing or get-rich-quick offers.
5. Do not sign a contract until it has been reviewed by someone trustworthy.
6. Never turn over large amounts of cash to anyone regardless of how appealing the offer may sound.
7. Report suspicious offers to the police immediately. Attempt to record particulars of the suspect, such as appearance, company name and vehicle description and license plate.
8. Never give out banking, credit card or personal information over the phone unless you are certain you are dealing with a reputable organization.