

## Common Types of Fraud Scams

### ✓ GRANDPARENT SCAM

Scammer claims to be a grandchild in trouble, requests large sums of money be wired.

### ✓ GOVERNMENT IMPOSTER SCAM

Scammer claims to be a representative of a government agency that you trust using a number that appears official.

### ✓ FALSE INVESTMENT SCAM

Scammer poses as a financial advisor and calls unannounced with a “lucrative” investment opportunity.

### ✓ FAKE TECH SUPPORT SCAM

Scammer pretends to be a representative of a company you trust and asks you to download software.

### ✓ PHISHING SCAM

An automatic voice message or email that says there’s a financial issue with one of your accounts and asks you to verify.

### ✓ SWEEPSTAKES/LOTTERY SCAM

Scammer says you’ve won a contest and asks for bank account information.

### ✓ ROMANCE SCAM

Scammer makes a fake profile on dating app or social media to lure you in & steal your money.

### ✓ ONLINE SHOPPING SCAM

Scammer sets up fake website or marketplace ad to sell fake products to try & steal money.



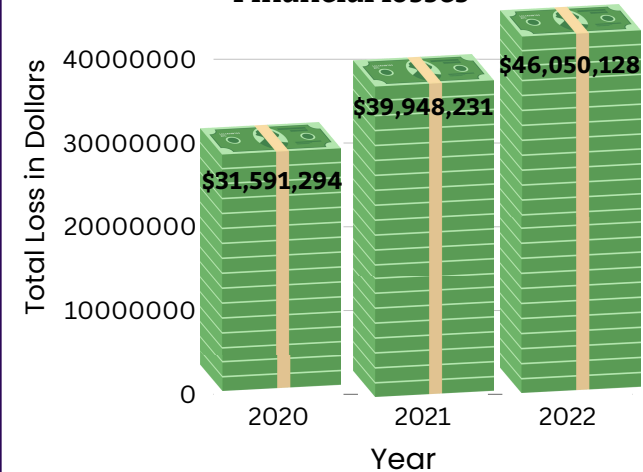
## RECOGNIZE THE RED FLAGS

- Be suspicious of unsolicited calls or messages. Scammers often want you to act quickly. Take time to think before you act.
- Set up identity theft protection and credit monitoring. Check credit reports regularly.
- Watch for spelling errors on websites when online shopping and beware of Facebook marketplace ads
- Never wire money or pay someone when they’re requesting to be paid in gift cards
- Don’t be tempted by high return investments
- Don’t trust callers saying there is a “problem” or “prize”
- Don’t download software from pop-ups
- Only buy from safe, reputable websites
- Set up banking alerts on your mobile phone
- Never share your password with someone you don’t know



In 2024, Crawford County Adult Protective Services (APS) has already recorded **\$500,000** in financial losses due to scams.

Wisconsin Residents  
Financial losses



FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3)

Millions of adults experience financial fraud and fall prey to scams every year. You can protect yourself, friends, or family by learning what to watch for.



To make a report of elder or adult-at-risk financial abuse contact Crawford County Health & Human Services:

**608-326-0248**

## **REPORT ELDER FRAUD AND ANY TYPE OF ELDER ABUSE**

If you feel that you or someone you know is a victim of fraud, **REPORT IT!**



**Call Monday-Friday 8am-4:30pm**

Crawford County  
Adult Protective Services  
608-326-0248

### **After business hours:**

Prairie du Chien Police Department  
608-326-2421  
OR  
Crawford County Sheriff's Department  
608-326-0241

### **Anytime:**

Wisconsin Elder Abuse Hotline  
833-586-0107  
Or visit [ReportelderabuseWI.org](https://ReportelderabuseWI.org)



What can you do to  
**Prevent Fraud**  
and Scams?



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