



Don't be a Scam Statistic!

Scam artists are on the make in increasing numbers these days -- often preying on older adults. Please don't fall victim to these cunning opportunists who commonly disguise their schemes as telemarketing or charities.

One of the latest schemes involves scam artists posing as telemarketers "raising funds" for natural relief efforts. Fraudulent charities will attempt to trick people who want to aid the victims.

Even the new Medicare drug card is becoming an opportunity for fraud. Legitimate cards must display the "Medicare Rx Approved" symbol. A list of approved cards may be obtained from the Medicare Web site, www.medicare.gov or by calling 800-633-4227.

Avoid becoming a statistic by following these guidelines:

- Never giving out financial information to callers you don't know.
- Don't be pressured into making an immediate decision.
- Be careful and listen to your instincts and your acquired years of wisdom.