

Are you ReadyPA?

TIP SHEET

Did You Know?

- 97%** of seniors age 70 and older use the internet at least once a week.
- 38%** of seniors report someone has tried to scam them online.
- 9%** of seniors are victims of criminals posing as the IRS and demanding immediate payment of taxes.

Top 5 Internet Scams

Fake Tech Support Calls



Fake Tax and IRS Calls

Ransomware



Fake Debt Collector Calls

Fake Sweepstakes



5 Cyber Tips for Older Adults

LOGIN

Create passwords and make them strong. Half of seniors do not use the password feature on at least one of their internet-enabled devices, leaving it open to whomever may pick it up.

Think before you act.

Emails and communication that create a sense of urgency, such as a problem with your bank account or taxes, is likely a scam.

SCAM

Use security software.

Install security software on your devices from a reliable source and keep it updated.



Adjust your browser safety settings.

Those menus can often be found in the upper right corner of your browser. Consider clearing your browsing history at the end of your session so you don't leave a trail of sensitive data.



Share with care.

Be aware of what you share publicly on social media sites like Facebook. Adjust your privacy settings to limit who can see your information.

