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## OCTOBER CONSUMER ADVISORY TRICKS ARE FOR KIDS

### FAMILY SCAMS

I've run across many folks who believe scammers only prey on the elderly. Don't let your guard down; *scammers believe in equal opportunity* when it comes to conning people out of money. In this addition we will explore the many versions of *Family Scams*.

### Nanny Scams

Nanny scams target families looking to hire, and those seeking employment as, a nanny. Here's how the scam works.



## How Nanny Scams Work:

1. The nanny scammer will offer a nanny job without requiring an interview. They usually offer a high paying salary.
2. The scammer will usually tell the nanny that the family is moving to their town.
3. The scammer will send a forged money order or some other form of payment to the nanny as advance payment, to secure her for the job or for purchasing items. When the money arrives, it is for much more than expected.
4. The scammer provides the nanny with instructions to forward the excess money to a third party (but really it's them).
5. After you write your own personal check against your own bank account for the difference or you wire the money straight from your own account to the third-party, you will find out that the money they sent is fraudulent and the bank will require **you to PAY BACK all of the money.**

Click here to: [Follow these tips when finding a nanny job or a nanny on websites.](#)



## GRANDPARENT SCAM

Every grandparent wants to hear from their loving grandchild right? Unless of course, it's not *really* your grandchild .

[Click here to watch how this scam works!](#)

## Scam-Proof Your Doorstep Home Repair Scams

Someone offers to do yard work or make repairs in or around your home. You want to save money and really need the work done so you give it a shot. He or she takes a cash payment from you upfront... and never returns or does minimal or shoddy work.

## Cable Reconnect Scams

Money's been tight and your cable is off due to nonpayment. A flyer says you can get your cable reconnected for an unbelievably low price. You make an appointment, pay, and your cable may even reconnect — provided the scammers don't skip off with your money first.

But will your cable stay on? Probably not. And is this even legal? Absolutely not. Once the cable company catches on, you're cable-less again, out of the money you paid, and you're probably in trouble with the company and law enforcement to boot.



## THINK YOU'VE BEEN SCAMMED?

If you suspect you've been scammed or exploited, call our Fraud Hot Line to report it.

**720-913-9179**

## **SCHEDULE A SPEAKER**

Interested in learning more about scams happening in Denver? Do you want to know how to protect yourself from identity theft? Maro Casparian is available for speaking engagements with faith-based organizations, neighborhood associations, PTAs, schools, rotary clubs, etc. Call or email me to schedule a presentation.



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