

# CASE Partnership

Communities Against Senior Exploitation

## FRAUD PREVENTION SEMINARS

The CASE Partnership provides fraud prevention and victim support. A key component is our fraud prevention seminars.

### ***Power Against Fraud Seminar***

Our signature seminar provides an overview of the seven predominant areas of fraud:

- ✓ *Identity Theft*
- ✓ *Telemarketing Fraud*
- ✓ *Mail and Internet Fraud*
- ✓ *Home Improvement Fraud*
- ✓ *Investment Fraud*
- ✓ *Caregiver Exploitation*
- ✓ *Predatory Lending Scams*

You will participate in a quiz to test your knowledge of fraud. You will learn simple, but effective steps to protect yourself. Attendees get a free *Power Against Fraud* handbook, loaded with helpful prevention tips. 1½ hours

### ***Can Identity Theft Happen to Me?***

Identity Theft is the fastest growing crime in the country. In this seminar you will learn your personal *Identity Theft Probability* score. The *Power Against Identity Theft* handbook is packed with proven prevention tips, victim rights and resources. 1 hour

### ***It Looked Real to Me***

Mail and Internet Frauds account for 20-30% of all frauds, and the number of scams has exploded in the past year. Learn the safest way to use the Internet: on-line purchases, on-line banking, and security software. Learn why sweepstakes are risky and how to reduce the junk mail flooding your mailbox. 45-60 minutes

### ***He Seemed Like a Nice Man***

Telemarketing Fraud accounts for 17% of all frauds. Older adults are especially vulnerable to this fraud and are deliberately targeted by con artists. Don't let criminals get to you through your phone. Attend this seminar and learn how to spot scams and how to stop most telemarketing calls through the free *Telemarketing Fraud* handbook. 1 hour

### ***He Told Me It Was a Sure Thing***

Investment Fraud can wipe out a lifetime of hard work in an instant. This seminar discusses ways to check out potential investments and financial advisors, as well as warning signs of potential fraud.

You will receive a free *Investment Fraud* handbook. 45-60 minutes

### ***Keeping Your Home Your Castle***

How do you find a reliable contractor? What are the most common mistakes homeowners make when they contract for work on their home? These questions will be answered in the Home Improvement Fraud seminar. You will receive a free *Home Improvement Fraud* handbook. 30 minutes

### ***I Trust My Caregiver***

Most elder fraud is perpetrated by someone known to the victim. This seminar explores the growing crime of theft by trusted caregivers. You will gain insight into vulnerabilities of older adults, characteristics of perpetrators, and warning signs of exploitation. You will learn steps you can take to protect you or those in your care. **This seminar is ideal for family caregivers, pastoral care providers, senior care managers.** 1 hour

### ***Have I Got a Deal for You!***

Predatory Lending Scams can result in losing your home. Professional con artists or unscrupulous companies perpetrate scams, but many homes are stolen by trusted friends or family members. This seminar explains how to protect yourself from mortgage fraud and Quit Claim Deed scams. You will receive a free *Predatory Lending* handbook. 30-45 minutes

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

*Is there a cost for a seminar?*

Seminars are free, however voluntary contributions may be made to support the CASE Partnership.

*Can we have more than one seminar?*

Absolutely! There are no restrictions on the number of seminars any organization may request.

*Who do I contact for a seminar or to get more information?*

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### DID YOU KNOW...

9.9 million Americans had their identities stolen last year.

Consumers lose \$40 billion a year to telemarketing fraud.

U.S. citizens send over \$100 million each year to Canadian con artists.

2/3 of elder financial abusers are family members or trusted advisors.

**Lee County Sheriff's Office  
Fraud Hotline: 239-477-1242**

*It is the policy of the Lee County Sheriff's Office to protect the Constitutional rights of all people, regardless of race, color, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, physical handicap, religion or other belief system or physical characteristic; and to treat each person with respect and dignity.*

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Sheriff Mike Scott***

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## New Partner Packet



**Sheriff Mike Scott**  
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### *Communities Against Senior Exploitation*

*A Partnership Of The  
Lee County Sheriff's Office  
And The Faith Community To  
Prevent Fraud*