

GRANDPARENT SCAM ALERT



WHAT IS THE SCAM?

Scammers are calling seniors claiming to be family members in need of immediate money for bail or hospital expenses.

The scammer will often send someone to the door to pick up payment.

BAIL FACTS:

- Police, lawyers, judges or jails do not call people to get money.
- Bail/fines are typically paid at a courthouse, police station or jail.
- Bail in Alberta is typically \$10-\$500.
- Bail can't be paid using gift cards.



“Court appointed” couriers don't exist. If someone asks to come to your home to pick up payment, it's a scam.



If it has to be now, it has to be no. Using fear or high-pressure tactics are usually a red flag.



Always ask for proof of identification and call-back numbers. Talk to family, friends or other people you trust to help verify claims or requests.



If you have lost money or the scam is in progress, contact the Calgary Police Service at [403-266-1234](tel:403-266-1234)

To report a scam in general, contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at [1-888-495-8501](tel:1-888-495-8501)