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# *Be a Savvy Senior*



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*Were you the victim of  
a home repair scam?*

*Don't let it happen again!*

- ▶ If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- ▶ Get estimates before doing home renovations.
- ▶ Do not pay for work in advance.
- ▶ Never do business without checking references.
- ▶ Don't be afraid to call the police and have them check out the credentials of someone who is working in your area.

# *Were you the victim of a telemarketing scam?*

## *Don't let it happen again!*

- ▶ Don't pay for any prize or send money to improve your chances of winning. It's illegal to ask you to pay to enter a contest.
- ▶ Don't be bullied into buying something "right now." If the caller persists, end the call.
- ▶ Don't give your credit card number to anyone over the phone unless you made the call.
- ▶ Don't give any caller your bank account number.

**If you or someone you know has been the victim of a scam, call the Department on Aging to talk confidentially with someone who will help you to alleviate the situation.**

**Statewide Elder Abuse Hotline:  
1-866-800-1409, 1-888-206-1327 (TTY)**

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