

STOP FINANCIAL SCAMS



Protect yourself. Protect your money.

*A message from the Wisconsin Department of Justice,
Division of Criminal Investigation*



Before you withdraw cash

If someone is asking you to take out a large amount of money, **pause**. You may be in the middle of a **SCAM**.

Ask yourself:

- Are you being pressured to act quickly?
- Is someone on the phone telling you what to do right now?
- Were you told to lie to the bank staff, or to family, about why you need the cash?
- Were you told not to talk to anyone about this or keep it a secret?
- Are you afraid, confused, or unsure?

If you can answer “**yes**” to any of these questions – **STOP**.
Don’t hand over your money.

⚠ What might be happening

Scammers often pretend to be:

- Law enforcement or government (IRS, Social Security, “court,” “warrants”)
- Tech support
- Bank staff
- A family member or romantic partner “in trouble”

Scammers can sound convincing, but they are not who they claim to be.

Cash, gift cards, cryptocurrency, wire transfers, are all **red flags**.

⚠ Remember

A real government official will never ask you to withdraw money.

☎ What to do next

*You are not alone.
Help is available right now.*

Call for help:

- Wisconsin Elder Abuse Hotline (833) 586-0107
- Medicaid Fraud & Elder Abuse Unit (800) 488-3780
- DATCP Consumer Protection Hotline (800) 422-7128

If you or someone you know is in immediate danger, CALL 911.