

GUELPH POLICE SERVICE NEWS RELEASE



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1. Public Warning – “Grandparent” or “Emergency” Fraud Scam

This scam has again surfaced in the City of Guelph. Today, the Guelph Police Service has received a complaint regarding this scam from senior resident living in Guelph.

The scam works like this. The senior receives a PHONE CALL at their residence and the individual on the phone tells them it is their son/daughter/grandchild calling. The suspect is able to get the unsuspecting senior to provide them with information regarding their child. The suspect then indicates that they are in some sort of trouble and need money right away. The suspect tells the senior that they should keep things quiet and avoid alarming anyone. The suspect tries to convince the senior to attend a post office or money transfer location so that they can wire transfer money immediately.

WARNING: PLEASE VERIFY THE DETAILS BY CALLING YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS AND/OR FRIENDS - AND DON'T WIRE MONEY.

Also, try not to give out personal information over the phone to someone you don't know.

If you have lost money in this type of scam, please contact the Guelph Police Service at 519-824-1212. It is also advisable to contact The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1 (888) 495-8501 to file a report whether you have lost money or not.



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