Government and Bank Imposter Scams

Scammers pretend to be the IRS, Social Security, Medicare, police, a court, or your bank's fraud department.

Know the truth

- Government agencies **never** demand payment by gift card, wire transfer, crypto or a payment app.
- They won't threaten immediate arrest or ask you to keep the call secret.
- Your bank will never ask you to move money to a "safe account" or read back a security code.
- Officials don't send someone to your home to pick up cash or gold.

Protect yourself

- **Hang up.** Call the agency or bank using the number on its official website or your card.
- Don't trust caller ID; it can be faked to show a real agency's name.
- Get a free IRS Identity Protection PIN at IRS.gov to help block tax fraud.
- Talk to someone you trust before paying anyone who contacts you.

Report it: ReportFraud.ftc.gov | FBI: ic3.gov | Identity theft: IdentityTheft.gov | Age 60+: National Elder Fraud Hotline **833-FRAUD-11 (833-372-8311)**. Free help from Netivo: **(913) 349-3363**.