

## PRESENTATIONS

The Seniors Crime Assistance Unit provides presentations on the following:

### Home Security

- Learn how to secure your home
- Learn the elements of crime
- Learn how to decrease the likelihood of having your home burglarized
- Complimentary home security survey

### Personal Safety

- Learn how to protect yourself and be aware of your surroundings
- Learn how to be less vulnerable to Victimization

### Economic / White-Collar Crimes

- Learn how to prevent victimization
- Learn methods criminals use to get your information and money
- Learn how to be cautious when engaging in business ventures or investments
- Learn about federal, state and local agencies that can help

### Telemarketing / Insurance and Consumer Fraud

- Learn to recognize fraud
- Learn techniques to identify consumer fraud and how to protect your information.

### Crime prevention Seminars & Expos

In partnership with the community, seminars and expos are held annually to provide seniors with crime prevention information and home security products.

## FACTS:

- The Florida Department of Elder Affairs reports Florida has the nation's largest proportion of residents age 60 and older
- The Alzheimer's Support Network indicates that 1 in 3 families is affected by Alzheimer's disease.
- The Economic Development Council reports that there are approximately 23 assisted living facilities in Collier County.
- 25 % of all scam/fraud victims are over the age of 60.
- Identity theft accounts for over 26% of all fraud reported to the Federal Trade Commission.
- The Collier County Sheriff's Office Seniors Crime Assistance Unit provides presentations on topics related to senior citizens.



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## IMPORTANT NUMBERS FOR SENIORS

**Collier County Sheriff's Office**

**Emergency ..... 911**

Non-Emergency Naples ..... 774-4434

Non-Emergency Immokalee ..... 657-6168

Non-Emergency Everglades ..... 695-2301

Crime Prevention ..... 793-9391

Seniors Crime Assistance Unit ... 793-9468

Naples Police & EMS ..... 213-4844

Marco Island Police ..... 389-5050

The Council On Aging ..... 455-2655

Alzheimer's Assoc. .... 418-1173

Florida Dept. of Agriculture  
& Consumer Services ..... (800)435-7352

Elder Abuse Hotline ..... (800)962-2873

Elder Help Line ..... (800)963-5337

Red Cross ..... 596-6868

Alzheimer's Support Network ..... 262-8388

**COLLIER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE  
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# SENIORS SUPPORT & ASSISTANCE



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critical incidents involving the elderly. **For 24-hour emergency services call 911.** For non emergency assistance call (239) 774-4434.

### **PROJECT LIFESAVER PROGRAM**

The Seniors Crime Assistance Unit coordinates the Project Lifesaver Program through the Collier County Sheriff's Office. The program is for adults and children who suffer from brain dysfunctions that make them prone to wandering and would be unable to provide their name, address or other pertinent information to facilitate their return home. The participants wear a transmitter bracelet that members of the sheriff's office are able to track if the individual becomes lost. The average search time with the equipment is drastically reduced, therefore saving precious time during a critical situation.

For more information about the lifesaver program, call 239.793-9468.

### **SENIOR LOCATOR PROGRAM**

Residents who suffer from Alzheimer's disease or dementia can register with the Sheriff's Office. In the event they should disappear, their photo and file information will be disseminated immediately to law enforcement personnel within the community. This quick response minimizes search time and endangerment to the missing seniors.

### **SENIORS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT TOGETHER (SALT)**

SALT is an advisory group for local law enforcement agencies that focuses on crime and security issues for seniors. The Collier County Sheriff's Office Seniors

Crime Assistance Unit works with SALT to bring suggested programs for seniors into effect.

To learn more about SALT, become a member, or work with law enforcement for the betterment of the senior community call the Senior Helpline at 239.261-3113 for more information or meeting locations.

### **TRIAD**

TRIAD is a national organization founded in 1988 by the National Sheriff's Association, the International Chiefs of Police and AARP to identify and better serve the specific needs of America's aging population. The TRIAD mission is to enhance law enforcement response to senior issues and improve quality of life by making Collier County a safe haven for seniors.

### **SENIOR CONNECTION PROGRAM**

Seniors who live alone or have medical conditions receive daily welfare checks by volunteers via telephone. If contact cannot be made, a designated key holder is notified or an on-site welfare check is conducted by a law enforcement officer. Contact our Seniors Crime Assistance Unit to sign up for this voluntary service.

### **SENIOR ASSISTANCE REFERRAL CARD**

Anyone who has a concern for a senior in a non-crisis or at-risk situation may complete a Senior Assistance Referral Card. When the Sheriff's Office receives this referral card, unit members quickly assess the situation and make contact with the individual. The information is routed to the appropriate agencies to assist the seniors and their families.

Senior Assistance Referral Cards are available by calling the Seniors Crime Assistance Unit at (239) 793-9468.

### **FILE OF LIFE**

This program provides vital personal health information to responding emergency personnel. Seniors should keep their vital health information accessible and up to date. First Responders are trained to look for the File of Life medical information in the home for more accurate medical treatment.

### **COMMUNITIES AGAINST SENIOR EXPLOITATION (CASE)**

CASE is a partnership with the Collier County Sheriff's Office, faith-based communities and other civic groups and organizations. This partnership helps prevent fraud and exploitation of older adults, increases fraud detection and reporting, and provides support to seniors who have been a victim of a crime.

CASE partners work to educate community members about scams and frauds that target the senior population.

### **Fraud Prevention Seminars include:**

- Identity Theft
- Telemarketing Fraud
- Mail and Internet Fraud
- Home Improvement Fraud
- Investment Fraud
- Caregiver Exploitation
- Predatory Lending Scams

To schedule a seminar or get more information on becoming a CASE partner, contact the Seniors Crime Assistance Unit by calling 239.793.9468.

### **SENIORS CRIME ASSISTANCE UNIT**

The Collier County Sheriff's Office Seniors Crime Assistance Unit was established in 1998 to reduce and prevent victimization of Collier County's senior population.

Members in the Seniors Crime Unit are certified Crime Prevention Practitioners. They offer a wide range of specialized training on aging issues for public safety officials, health care professionals and others who work and interact with the elderly. The Collier County Sheriff's Office partners with The Department of Children and Families Adult Protective Service to provide assistance and support.

Crime Assistance members provide personal safety and crime awareness training for seniors. They conduct senior assessments for those who have been victimized or are vulnerable to victimization and refer them to the appropriate community service. The goal of the referral system is to prevent future abuse, neglect or exploitation of the elderly.

The Sheriff's Office has established a 24-hour intervention response team for