

May 22, 2023

Contact Kylie Mason

Phone (850) 245-0150



OFFICE OF THE
ATTORNEY GENERAL
STATE OF FLORIDA

Florida Attorney General's Office News Release

VIDEO: Attorney General Moody Releases Cybercrime and Seniors Guide During Older Americans and Elder Law Months



TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody is releasing the Cybercrime and Seniors Guide to help protect older Floridians online. The [Federal Bureau of Investigation's Internet Crime Complaint Center's 2022 Annual Elder Fraud Report](#) shows that total senior cyber losses increased 84% last year, rising to more than \$3.1 billion nationwide. Florida had the second-highest number of older victims, with nearly 8,500 in 2022. Attorney General Moody is releasing this new resource during Older Americans and Elder Law Months to help Florida seniors avoid falling victim to cybercrimes and scams.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "Florida is home to [more than 4.2 million seniors](#). Cybercriminals often look for older targets or people they think are not very tech savvy. That is why I am releasing our new Cybercrime and Seniors Guide to help educate older Floridians about common online schemes and how they can avoid falling victim. This is just another way we are working to build a Stronger, Safer Florida."

The Cybercrime and Seniors Guide highlights the most common online schemes that target older Floridians and offers tips about how to spot, report and avoid falling victim to fraudulent schemes.

The guide covers:

- How often scammers target seniors, and which contact methods are the most popular;
- Some of the most common cybercrimes that seniors encounter, including phishing and social media scams; and
- Linked resources that can help consumers learn how to spot, report and avoid cybercrimes that target seniors.

To view the Cybercrime and Seniors Guide, click [here](#).

To view the Cybercrime and Seniors Guide in Spanish, click [here](#).

Attorney General Moody's Consumer Protection Division and Senior Protection Team work to stop scams and fraud targeting older Floridians. The teams have recovered millions of dollars through legal actions involving scams aimed at Florida seniors. To find out more information about the Senior Protection Team, click [here](#).