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Fourth Annual Senior Fraud and Financial Exploitation Prevention Roadshow Returns as Reported Losses by Older Idahoans Double Six Free Events Across Idaho, September 8 through September 23

Boise, Idaho... The Idaho Department of Finance (IDOF) will bring its fourth annual Senior Fraud and Financial Exploitation Prevention Roadshow to six Idaho communities this September. The free public events return at a moment when the amount of money Idaho seniors report losing to fraud has doubled in a single year.

In 2025, Idahoans aged 60 and older reported **\$37.4 million in losses across 1,136 complaints** filed with the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center—up from \$18.7 million the year prior.¹ Because many scams go unreported, officials note the actual financial toll is significantly higher. Scam tactics are also rapidly evolving from spoofed calls and phishing emails to investment chats on messaging apps, cryptocurrency kiosks in local stores, and AI-generated voices mimicking loved ones. The Roadshow focuses on the most reliable defense: **recognizing red flags before money moves.**

Each stop is a free two-hour session open to seniors, adult family members, caregivers, and anyone who wants to know how to spot, prevent, and report these financial crimes. The 2026 series is presented with **AARP Idaho** and the **Idaho Commission on Aging – Adult Protective Services**. Presenters walk through real Idaho cases, the tactics behind them, and specific steps that interrupt a scam in progress. Each event includes time with the presenters, light refreshments, and free educational materials. Registration is strongly encouraged and available online at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/fraud-and-senior-financial-exploitation-prevention-3398219>

"Protecting Idaho's seniors means ensuring they have reliable information and trusted support. By partnering with agencies committed to serving older adults, we're able to deliver fraud prevention tools that make a real difference in communities across the state," said Salvador Cruz, Director of the Idaho Department of Finance.

The Roadshow event schedule is as follows:

- **Star-** Star Riverhouse- Tuesday, September 8, 2026, 1-3 PM
- **Payette-** Payette Public Library- Thursday, September 10, 2026, 1-3 PM
- **Rexburg-** Madison County Senior Citizens Center- Thursday, September 17, 2026, 12:15-2:15 PM
- **Burley-** Burley Public Library- Friday, September 18, 2026, 1-3 PM
- **Nampa-** Nampa Public Library- Monday, September 21, 2026, 11 AM- 1 PM
- **Boise-** Dick Eardley Senior Center- Wednesday, September 23, 2026, 1-3 PM

¹ Federal Bureau of Investigation, Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3), "Losses by State from Complainants 60+," *2025 Internet Crime Report* (Idaho: 1,136 complaints, \$37,394,229) and *2024 Internet Crime Report* (Idaho: 775 complaints, \$18,663,392). Available at ic3.gov.

About the Idaho Department of Finance

The Idaho Department of Finance has regulated financial services in Idaho since 1905. Its mission is to safeguard the financial health of Idahoans through the appropriate oversight of diverse financial institutions, the education and protection of consumers, and by fostering sensible innovation in the financial services market. For more information, please visit finance.idaho.gov or email finance@finance.idaho.gov.