

## CHARITIES AND FUNDRAISING FRAUD

- Advice for senior consumers
  - Donate to recognized charities only
  - No cash gifts
  - Be skeptical
  - Resist high pressure pitches
  - Take time
- Charity evaluators
  - BBB Wise Giving Alliance [www.give.org](http://www.give.org) or [www.bbb.org/us/charity](http://www.bbb.org/us/charity)
  - Charity Navigator [www.charitynavigator.org](http://www.charitynavigator.org)
  - American Institute of Philanthropy [www.charitywatch.org](http://www.charitywatch.org)

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## IF YOU ARE AN IDENTITY THEFT VICTIM

- Think like a police officer or lawyer
- [www.PrivacyRights.org](http://www.PrivacyRights.org) – summary of how to organize your files.
- Financial fraud is a crime, file a police report – be persistent
- Contact your bank and creditors.
- Contact the credit bureaus and place fraud alert.
- Call the FTC hotline 1.877.ID THEFT or online <https://www.ftc.gov/publications/identity-theft-recovery-plan>.
- Document and organize your case




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## MANAGING SOMEONE ELSE'S MONEY GUIDES



- To help four types of financial caregivers:
- Agents under a Power of attorney,
  - Guardians and conservators,
  - Trustees,
  - and Social Security and VA representatives
- The guides provide tips on making financial decisions for someone else as well as protecting assets from fraud and scams.
  - Available in Spanish

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