

BEWARE OF SCAMS!!!

Today, the internet and international phone calls make it easy for victims, many of them older Americans, to be targeted from anywhere in the world. Scam artists use false names and electronic tricks to hide who and where they really are.

U.S.-Canadian cross border fraud task forces are helping stop these crimes, but prevention still is the best medicine.

Fortunately, consumer fraud is one of the few crimes in which potential victims can say, “No!” If that is, they recognize the warning signs:

PROTECT YOURSELF:

- Be wary of anything that promises large sums of money, such as sweepstakes or lottery winnings, in exchange for your advance payment, donation or investment.
- Don't be pressured into making a decision about an offer. Check it out first!
- Be cautious about businesses that try to conceal their mailing addresses and phone numbers and evade questions about their operations.
- **IF THE OFFER SOUNDS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, IT PROBABLY IS!**

A free DVD video is available. Entitled “Nowhere to Run”, is about cross-border prevention. Other free DVD's are also available @ usps.com/postalinspector or call toll free 1-800-782-6724. All the DVD's feature a Spanish lineage option.