



**Grandma?
Do you know
who this is?**



GRANDPARENT SCAM

How it works

A call starts with “Grandma? Do you know who this is?” Thinking it’s their grandchild, victims will say “Yes, I know it’s you John.” The caller now has a first name they will start using to gain credibility. The scammer will now ask for money because they say they were in a car accident or they’re under arrest and in jail in another city or country. Sometimes they’ll put another person on the phone to act like a police officer, bail bondsman or lawyer. The victim will withdraw funds from their bank account and wire money to the “grandchild” to help.

How to avoid it

Never offer information. If someone asks “Do you know who this is?” simply say no.

Press your caller for details and ask them to repeat their story.

Ask questions that your real grandchild could answer but an imposter could not.

After you hang up, verify the story by calling the parents of the “grandchild.”

Never wire money to someone under uncertain conditions as it’s nearly impossible to trace.

Never provide your credit card number over the phone or web unless you are sure the funds request is legitimate.



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