



# EMERGENCY-GRANDPARENT SCAM

Fraudsters are targeting seniors by calling and pretending to be a family member in distress, the police or a justice official claiming that a loved one or grandchild is in trouble, and needs money immediately. **Victims are told there's a gag order, and can't speak to anyone.**

## PROTECT YOURSELF



### Fraudsters...



**Call demanding immediate payment for bail, or fines to avoid going to jail**

**Remember!** The courts won't ask for cash to bail out someone in custody, and will require people to be present in court.



**Claim to be a lawyer, police or family member in an emergency situation demanding funds**

**Be suspicious** of calls that require immediate action. **Hang up!** Call your local police and contact the family member directly.



**Request cash and send couriers for pick up, or demand the victim send cash by courier services or via cryptocurrency**

**Never** send cash, cryptocurrencies or any other funds to unknown persons, unverified addresses or bank accounts.

If you believe you have been scammed, contact your local police and the **Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre:**

**1 (888) 495-8501 / [antifraudcentre.ca](http://antifraudcentre.ca)**

Fraud. Recognize. Reject. Report.