



Predator Awareness Task Force



Tips to Help Protect Your Money

- * Use **direct deposit** for your paychecks if you can.
- * Keep your checks in a **safe place**.
- * **Do not sign blank checks** for someone to fill in later.
- * Check your **bank and credit card statements** often to make sure withdrawals and purchases have only been made by you. Ask someone you trust to help you do this.
- * Get to know the **people who work in your bank**. They can help you if you have questions or are worried about something with your account.
- * **Say “no”** to crazy prize offers, travel prizes, get-rich-quick schemes. Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- * Do not donate money to **charities or organizations that you do not know**.
- * Do not give your **credit card number** out over the phone, unless you made the phone call.
- * Do not give out your **social security number or bank account number** over the phone.
- * Do not sign anything that you **haven’t read or don’t understand**.
- * Keep your bank statements, legal documents and other important papers in a **safe place** like a file cabinet or a safe.
- * Be careful who you show your money to. **Don’t pull all your money out** of your wallet in front of people you don’t trust.