

WATCH OUT FOR

Sounds like family? Check before you pay.

Scammers can copy a voice from a short clip online. They call in a panic, say a loved one is hurt or in jail, and ask for money fast.

WARNING SIGNS

- A loved one in trouble who needs money right now
- A request to keep it secret, even from family
- Payment by gift cards, wire, crypto or a cash pickup
- A “lawyer” or “officer” who takes over the call

REMEMBER

Hang up and call back on a number you already have.

Or ask for your family safe word.

IF THIS HAPPENED TO YOU

- 1 Hang up. Call your family member on a number you know.
- 2 If you sent money, call your bank or payment app now.
- 3 Save the phone number, messages and receipts.
- 4 Report it at ReportFraud.ftc.gov and ic3.gov.

OFFICIAL PLACES TO REPORT AND GET HELP

FTC

1-877-FTC-HELP (1-877-382-4357)
reportfraud.ftc.gov

National Elder Fraud Hotline

1-833-FRAUD-11 (1-833-372-8311)
ovc.ojp.gov

Hotlines and help in your state: aiprotection.org/stay-safe