

Tips To Protect Yourself

- Always obtain at least three written estimates.
- Consult with the Better Business Bureau or government agencies before having work done.
- Have a written contract for all work to be performed.
- Make sure the contractor is licensed, if required, and has insurance.
- Never provide anyone with your bank account, social security number or important personal information, especially over the phone.

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***“If it sounds too good to be true,
it probably is.”***

Office Locations

City of Gulf Breeze Police Dept.

**311 Fairpoint Dr.
Gulf Breeze, Fl 32561**

934-5121

Lobby hours 8am - 4pm

Monday thru Friday

Seniors vs Crime Office

10am - 4pm

Monday & Fridays

Senior Center

8476 Gordon Goodin Lane

Navarre, FL 32566

Phone: 850-939-4000

Hours of Operation:

Tuesday & Wednesday

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

**City of Gulf
Breeze Police
Dept.**



***SENIORS
VS
CRIME***



**A Joint Project Of The
Gulf Breeze Police Dept. and
The Florida
Attorney General's Office**

A Resource For You

The primary goal of this program is to reduce the victimization of senior citizens who are often targeted for specific crimes based on their age. We know there are dishonest people out there who would like nothing more than to separate you from your money.

We know there are two sides to every story, and we strive to be fair in all cases. There is no problem too large or too small. Each case is handled on an individual basis, and confidentiality is maintained in accordance with the Florida Public Records Law.

If you feel someone has taken advantage of you, or you feel someone has cheated you out of money or not delivered what they promised, there is something you can do. Please call the Seniors Vs. Crime Location at the Senior Center and make an appointment and let us help you today.

Program History

In 1989, the Florida Legislature ordered a task force to be formed to report on crime and the elderly. The Attorney General's Task force on Crimes and the Elderly held a number of public meetings around the state and invited discussion from many seniors. The Task Force found that seniors were being targeted for scams, were being subjected to high-pressure tactics by salespersons, and were being deceived by false advertising at an alarming frequency.

A crime prevention program, to be run by volunteers and designed with Florida's senior population in mind, was developed. The program would be called the "Seniors vs. Crime Project." The program was a way to reinforce the message of crime prevention and to provide methods by which Florida's senior population could be alerted to consumer fraud, con games, and other criminal acts.

Volunteers, now called Senior Sleuths, become more active in assisting law enforcement and act as the eyes and ears of the Attorney General's Office by reporting on scams, and conducting surveys as requested.

How does it work?

If you feel you have been a victim of a scam or unfair business deal, gather all your documentation (i.e. receipts, work orders, checks, contracts, etc.) and bring them to our office so we can review your case.

Because we know seniors may feel embarrassed about being a victim, the storefront uses the philosophy of "seniors helping seniors." In general, cases are resolved in a short period of time, but some can become quite lengthy.

Bear in mind, that not all cases will be resolved to your satisfaction. There may be circumstances that prevent us from coming to an amenable solution, but we strive for a compromise whenever possible.

Any cases involving a criminal offense are turned over to the Major Crimes Division at the Sheriff's Office.