



NEW YORK STATE SENATOR

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## SENATOR AMEDORE TO HOST FREE SENIOR SCAM PREVENTION SEMINAR

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Senator George Amedore will host a free senior scam prevention seminar in Albany County on Friday, June 9th at 11 am at the Guilderland Public Library, 2228 Western Avenue, Guilderland, NY 12084.

At the seminar, representatives from the Better Business Bureau of Upstate New York and AT&T will join Senator Amedore to give a presentation on how to recognize and avoid targeted scams that prey specifically on seniors, and important tips on cybersecurity to help protect their identities online. Tips will be given on how to avoid both prominent and lesser-known scams, and what to do if a senior falls victim to a scam.

"We are seeing an alarming trend with scammers preying on vulnerable seniors to steal their identity or defraud them," said Senator Amedore. "Participants in this seminar will learn valuable tools to help keep them from falling victim to a scam, and where to turn if they do. My office has received numerous calls from constituents about these types of scams, and one of the best things we can do is provide our seniors with information that will help them proactively protect their identities and recognize these scams. I hope all of our seniors will join me for this important presentation."

"We know older adults are targeted and they need to be aware of scammers who call on the phone, send mail or email, or even show up at the front door," said Warren Clark, president of BBB of Upstate New York. "It's always a good idea to take the time to advise your older loved ones about the scams that are out there, and to make sure they are aware of the warning signs and red flags."

"We live in an exciting digital world, sparked by the Internet, encompassing new ways to enhance the quality of life for senior citizens -- and helping them stay independent longer. As for all citizens, seniors must be aware of darker corners of the Internet that nefarious individuals exploit to take advantage of them. At the same time, Internet users of all ages need to protect their digital information, shield devices and recognize dangerous scam signs," said Ed Bergstraesser, director of external affairs for AT&T. "The company is committed to collaborating with civic leaders such as Senator Amedore and organizations like the Better Business Bureau to educate people of all ages and digital literacy on how to protect themselves online, while taking advantage of the vast innovative resources that are at their fingertips."

"The Library is delighted to host this valuable program for senior citizens sponsored by Senator Amedore," said Tim Wiles, Director of the Guilderland Public Library.

This event is free and open to the public, but please register by calling Senator Amedore's office at 518-455-2350 or emailing [amedore@nysenate.gov](mailto:amedore@nysenate.gov).