

ALSIP NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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Best Way to Avoid Telephone Scams is Also the Easiest

Just Hang Up!

Every day, seniors throughout Illinois fall prey to smooth-talking con artists who call them up and tell all kinds of convincing stories to get their money. The Alsip Police Department and the Office of the Illinois Attorney General wants you to know that it's shrewd, not rude, to hang up the phone when a stranger asks you to send them money or give out your personal information. The following are some common warning signs of telephone scams.

THEY CONTACT YOU. When you look up the number of a reputable business on your own and call to place an order, you have a good idea who's on the other end of the deal. But when the tables are turned and someone calls you, you have no way of knowing who the person really is, where they're calling from, or what they want from you.

THEY WANT YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION. Any time a stranger asks you for your bank account number, Social Security number, or other sensitive information, you should be on high alert. This is a sure

sign of identity theft. **Never** give personal or financial information to someone you do not know.

THEY PROMISE A BIG AWARD. Scammers try to lure you in with promises of unexpected riches such as a large sum of money, a vacation, or a "get rich quick" investment scheme. Remember: If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Just Hang Up!

YOU MUST PAY THEM FIRST. It is illegal for someone to require an up-front payment to claim a lottery or sweepstakes prize. Scammers will often tell you that you must wire money out of state, or even out of the country, to obtain your winnings. **Never** wire money to stranger. Wiring money is just like sending cash—scammers will get the money quickly, and you won't get it back.

Consider placing your phone number on the **National Do Not Call Registry**, if you haven't already done so. This will block most unwanted telemarketing calls. So, once your number is on the registry, you'll know that



any telemarketer who does call you is probably up to no good. You can register your home phone or cell phone online at www.donotcall.gov or by calling **1-888-382-1222** (TTY: **1-866-290-4236**) from the phone number you wish to register.

If you've fallen victim to or want to report a telephone scam, please contact your local police department or **Illinois Attorney General's Consumer Fraud Hotline** at 1-800-386-5438 (TTY: 1-800-964-3013) or **Senior Fraud Helpline** at 1-800-243-5377.

Resource: Office of the Illinois Attorney General

School is Out – Drive Safely

As the school year ends, the Alsip Police Department would like to remind everyone to drive safely.

Please help kids enjoy their summer vacation by being aware of pedestrians, bike riders

etc. Obey posted speed limits and use extra caution at stop signs and in residential areas.

Illinois law now requires ALL vehicle passengers, including back seat passengers, to wear seat belts. Remember to buckle

up and secure children under 8 years old in age-appropriate child safety seats.

Contact Ofc. R. Merlo at 708-385-6902 ext. 249 to schedule a safety seat inspection.

Burglary From Motor Vehicle

6-2: 4900 BLK ENGLE RD.: Black Dodge damaged and entered by unknown subject

Lock Out Crime
– Protect your home from intruders

Use sturdy doors

Use safe locks

Install a viewfinder

Consider window pegs

Secure sliding glass doors

Consider various outdoor lighting options

Never allow strangers into your home

Put some electrical equipment on timers

Burglary – Residential

No Reports

Criminal Damage & Defacement to Property

6-2: 12200 BLK 44th PL.: Fuel tampered with on silver Chevrolet parked in lot; suspect named

6-4: 4500 BLK 131st ST.: Drivers window damaged on black Dodge parked on street

6-6: 12000 BLK LAVERGNE AVE.: Victims car and residence damaged; suspect named

6-13: 12700 BLK SPENCER ST.: Blue Kia window damaged parked in the drive of residence; unknown subject

6-23: 4900 BLK 115th ST.: Rear door damaged; arrest made

6-30: 3900 BLK 124th PL.: Garage spray painted with graffiti by unknown subject

Identity Theft Crimes

6-4: 4100 BLK 127th ST.: Victims personal information used to obtain financial benefits

6-4: 4400 BLK 125th ST.: Victim personal info used to open line of credit

6-10: 4200 BLK 119th PL.: Victims personal information used to access account and make unauthorized purchases

6-17: 12800 BLK APPLE LN.: Victims personal information used to make purchases

6-19: 4000 BLK 119th ST.: Victims personal information used to open account

Fighting Back Against Identity Theft

**Deter
Detect
Defend**

**Safe guard you
personal
information**

**Routinely monitor
your financial
accounts and billing
statements**

**Defend against ID
Theft as soon as you
suspect it**

**Visit
AnnualCreditReport.com
or call 877-322-8228,
to order your free
credit reports each
year.**

Motor Vehicle Thefts

No Reports

Theft Over/Under \$500.00

6-11: 4000 BLK 127th ST.: Victims debit card stolen from residence and then used to make purchases



Awareness is
the Key
to Your Safety.

VILLAGE OF ALSIP DIRECTORY

ALSIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

EMERGENCY.....911

Police Non-Emergency.....708-385-6131

Crime Prevention Unit.....708-385-6902 x249

Crime Free Housing Program.....708-385-6902 x249

Village of Alsip Departments

Building/Clerks/Water Department.....708-385-6902

Fire Department Non-Emergency.....708-385-6121

Health Department.....708-385-6902 x336

Public Works Department.....708-385-6902 x364

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www.alsippolicedepartment.com

ALSIP NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2019

The 36th Annual National Night Out (NNO), a unique crime/drug prevention event, has been scheduled for **Tuesday, August 6, 2019.**

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime prevention awareness, generate support and participation in local anti-crime programs, and strengthen police-community partnerships.



The Alsip Police Department has scheduled this event locally between **5:30pm-8pm (On Mulberry Dr., between Orchard Ave. & 44th PL.) and 8:15pm-10:15pm, at the Alsip Park District Pool (11930 S. Kostner).**

This Community event will feature give a ways, music, snacks, train safety rides, gaming trailer and activities for all ages, including meeting new K-9 Officer Knox from 7-8pm.

The night concludes with a Dive in Movie at the Alsip Sprayfari Aquatic Park at



11930 S. Kostner Ave., from 8:15-10:15pm (**Alsip Residents Only – Must Show ID**).

Need more information about this event, contact the Crime Prevention Unit 708.385.6902 x249 or visit our website:

www.alsippolicedepartment.com