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TO: ALL SENIOR CITIZEN GROUPS  
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Please let the senior citizens in your group know about this con artist scam at your next meeting.

## CON ARTIST ALERT TO ALL SENIOR GROUPS

### Grandma, I need help!

Watch out for the "grandson scam" or the "it's me!" scam. This con involves a middle of the night frantic phone call from a grandchild asking for emergency money. The grandparent is so intent on helping the grandchild that they fail to notice the caller is actually a thief. If you get a frantic call asking for help, verify the caller before giving out personal information or money.

Within the past year, a senior citizen told me this scenario happened to her. The *Akron Beacon Journal* also covered this scam not too long ago where a woman lost \$3,000.

Please feel free to call my office anytime if there is any way we can assist you.