

GRANNY SCAM

Beware of the “Granny Scam” where a scam artist poses as your grandchild in trouble.

- They pretend to be your grandchild calling in the middle of the night;
- They tell you they are in some sort of trouble;
- They plead with you to keep it a secret, not to tell their parents;
- They will often have a second person pose as an official who will validate the claim;
- They ask you to wire money for “bail” or other problems via Western Union, Money Gram or even to mail cash.

What can you do?

- To avoid falling prey, ask your “grandchild” to prove who they say they are
- Trust but verify; call the child’s parents
- **HANG UP**



If you have a consumer problem or question, contact the Northwestern District Attorney's Consumer Protection Unit:

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