

If you suspect an older relative with dementia is being defrauded, here are the key contacts in Idaho:

Immediate reporting:

- **Adult Protection Services** - Idaho Department of Health and Welfare: 1-855-552-7096 (24/7 hotline)
- **Local law enforcement** - Boise Police Department: (208) 377-6790 for non-emergency, or 911 if urgent

Financial protection:

- Contact their bank immediately to report suspected fraud and potentially freeze accounts
- **Idaho Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division:** (208) 334-2424
- If it involves mail fraud, contact the **U.S. Postal Inspection Service:** 1-877-876-2455

Additional support:

- **Area Agency on Aging** (Region IV): (208) 577-4929 - they can provide resources and guidance
- **Idaho Commission on Aging:** (208) 334-3833

Documentation is crucial - keep records of suspicious transactions, communications, or interactions. Adult Protection Services will investigate and can work with law enforcement if criminal activity is suspected.

The 24/7 Adult Protection Services hotline (1-855-552-7096) is often the best first call, as they're specifically trained to handle elder abuse cases and can coordinate with other agencies as needed.