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Learn More about Scams at the Annual Aging with Attitude Expo

I recently wrote about new scams for this year and now I have learned another alarming fact regarding taking advantage of our older adults. Filings on elder financial abuse quadrupled from 2013 to 2017, involving more than \$6 billion dollars.

Beware of the following:

- Common activity patterns include: romance scam, exploitation by family member/ fiduciary, theft by caregiver, and money mule.
- Checking and savings accounts had the highest monetary losses followed by money transfers.
- The average length of the suspicious activities reported was approximately four months (120 days).

Improve Prevention and Response

- If you believe that you or someone you know is a victim of exploitation, contact your local adult protective services (APS) agency. You can find out how to reach your APS office from the Eldercare Locator at eldercare.acl.gov, or by calling 1-800-677-1116.
- Report scams or fraud to the Federal Trade Commission at ftc.gov/complaint.

Educate Yourself at This Year's Aging with Attitude Expo!

To connect older Kansans and promote physical, mental and financial health, K-State Research and Extension and several community agencies and businesses offer the annual [Aging with Attitude Regional Expo](#) on April 26.

This year's expo will take place from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Community Christian Church, 1919 Horton St, Fort Scott

Topics include:

- Addressing the Opioid Crisis (panel discussion)
- Scams Against Seniors
- Living a Full Life with Partial Sight
- Gardening at Any Age
- Helping You and Your Family through a Tough Farm Economy
- Get Beyond "I'm Fine"

Registration is \$15 per person until April 15th and includes lunch, refreshments, activities, access to the keynote address, educational speakers, resource fair, and eligibility for incentives.

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