The Weinberg Center cares about your financial safety. We’ve compiled this information just for you.
Types of Scams

**IMPOSTER SCAM** Someone impersonating a government official may call, email or show up at your door requesting that you send or wire them money to pay taxes or fees.

**GRANDPARENT SCAM** A scammer calls you claiming to be your grandchild, stating that there is an emergency and need money to be sent or wired to them immediately. The scammer will also demand that you don’t reach out to any other family members to ask for help.

**CHARITY SCAM** Someone contacts you seeking a donation for a charity, often with a sad demeanor and story. They request that you send or wire money to their charity immediately.

**HEALTHCARE SCAM** A scammer calls you claiming to be a representative from Medicare or an insurance company and states that you need a new card. They then ask for your Social Security number to issue the card.

**“YOU’VE WON!” SCAM** You are contacted via mail or telephone by a scammer congratulating you on winning a lottery, sweepstakes or vacation. The scammer then requests that money be sent or wired to them prior to collecting your prize.

**HOME IMPROVEMENT SCAM** Someone claiming to be a contractor coerces you to make a large deposit prior to the start of the work. The job is either done incorrectly or not completed.

**INTERNET SCAM** Scammers often create authentic looking emails resembling bank or government sites that prompt you to enter credit card or other personal information to “verify your identity” or “address a problem with your account.” They then use your personal information to steal your identity.

**Who do I contact if I fall victim to a scam?**

- Your local Police Department
- Your local District Attorney’s Office or State Attorney General’s Office
- The Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-382-4357 or ftc.complaintassistant.gov
- Step by Step instructions for reporting scams can be found at consumerfraudreporting.org