

“Tech Talk” with Michael O'Connell - fraud and scams February 22, 2023

Michael based this “community conversation” on information from the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).



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The following links were included in his talk:

- <https://www.facebook.com/events/s/how-to-avoid-being-scammed/732727161853006/?ref=110>
- <https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/tracking-map/?Intcmp=AE-FRDSC-ABT-MAP/#scam-results-table>
- <https://videos.aarp.org/category/videos/scams-fraud>
- <https://onlinexperiences.com/Server.nxp?LASCmd=AI:4;F:APIUTILS!51004&PageID=425FE08D-8CFC-4C66-AE8F-6A127BD4416B&AffiliateData=FWNPage>
- <https://onlinexperiences.com/scripts/Server.nxp>
- <https://www.charitynavigator.org/>
- <https://secure.aarp.org/applications/user/login?promo=FWATCH&referrer=https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/about-fraud-watch-network.html&intcmp=AE-SCM-FRD-SIGNUP>

How to get off mailing and marketing lists via the Direct Marketing Association:

- <http://www.dmaconsumers.org/cgi/offmailinglist/>
- <http://www.dmaconsumers.org/consumerassistance.html>

Fraud reporting, call AARP 1-877-908-3360 (American Association of Retired Persons)

<https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/helpline.html>