Protecting a parent from scams and financial exploitation

Steps to guard savings during a stressful transition.

- Set up account alerts and consider a trusted contact on bank accounts
- Use a durable power of attorney prepared by an attorney
- Never give Medicare, Social Security or bank numbers to callers
- Be wary of anyone offering to buy the house fast for cash or to "handle" benefits for a fee
- Shred old statements; freeze credit if no new credit is needed
- Report suspected exploitation: Florida Abuse Hotline 1-800-962-2873

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