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## October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Domestic violence amongst seniors can present itself in various ways. It may start earlier in life and persist through later years. Often it can escalate or worsen as partners begin to age and go through events like retirement, disability or sexual changes. Sometimes domestic violence can arise as seniors look for new relationships later in life.

For more information please contact the Arizona Coalition to End Sexual & Domestic Violence at [www.acesdv.org](http://www.acesdv.org) or by phone at (602) 279-2900 or 1-800-782-6400.

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**An Ounce of Prevention is Worth a Pound of Cure**  
Remove the burden from your family; make your end of life wishes now.  
Please click [here](#) to download a Life Care Planning packet.

For more information on elder abuse, please call the helpline:  
**(602) 542-2124 or (844) 894-4735 (toll free)**

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# October Shred-A-Thon Date Announced

Join the Arizona Attorney General's Office and the Department of Revenue this Saturday, October 28th to securely destroy your sensitive documents. The event will take place in front of the Arizona State Capitol from 8:00 am – 12:00 pm.





For information, please visit our website at <https://www.azag.gov/outreach/shred-a-thons>.



## Protect Yourself from Home Improvement Scams



Whether you are planning an addition to your home or simply getting new windows, finding a competent and reliable contractor is the first step to a successful and satisfying home improvement project. When looking for someone to complete repairs or renovations beware of scammers that prey on seniors. Here are a few **red flags** to watch out for:

-  **Door-to-door solicitations** for business or **special discount** offers.
-  Claims they are doing work in your neighborhood and have "extra material" left over.
-  Pressure to make an **immediate decision** and sign a contract for the work.
-  Demands **full payment up front, cash only** transactions, or suggests you **borrow money from a lender** the contractor knows

Before having any work done on your home, visit the Arizona Registrar of Contractors website to make sure your contractor is licensed in the State of Arizona and ensure the work you contract for is the work you receive. <https://roc.az.gov/>. If you feel you have been scammed, please file a complaint with the Arizona Attorney General's Office.

**TASA Hotline: (602) 542-2124 or (844) 894-4735**

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