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Don't Let Jingle Bells Cloud Your Judgement

With the holidays just around the corner, many of us have shopping lists and holiday parties on our mind. During this hectic time of year, it's important to remember that scammers and fraudsters don't take the holiday season off, and remaining vigilant in the prevention of fraud is as important as ever.

Visit our [website](#) to view our free Top Consumer Scams booklet and stay up-to-date on the most recent frauds across the state. Prefer a hard copy?

Fill out the publication request form on our [website](#), and we will mail it to you. Consider it our gift to you!

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Please click [here](#) for the full press release.

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

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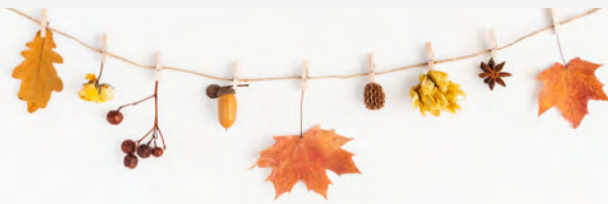


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October Shred-A-Thon Recap



In a continued effort to prevent identity theft across the state, the Office of Arizona Attorney General, Mark Brnovich hosted a shred-a-thon on October 28th, 2017 in partnership with the Arizona Department of Revenue and ASDD Document Destruction. Within four hours, over 8 tons of sensitive documents were destroyed, equal to 136 trees and 24 cubic yards of landfill space.

Stay tuned for details on upcoming shred-a-thons hosted by the Arizona Attorney General's Office by visiting our [website](#).

Steer Clear of Grinchers this Holiday Season

The holiday season is a wonderful time to help those in need. While you may choose to donate to a charity this holiday season and spread your holiday cheer, scammers are looking to take advantage of your generosity.

Below are a few tips to consider before giving to a charity for this and every season.

Never give on impulse and do your research before you donate. Many websites are available that rate charities based on how well they use donated funds. Get started with www.charitywatch.org or www.charitynavigator.org.

Be wary of telemarketers claiming to act on behalf of a charity. If high-pressure tactics are used or a telemarketer refuses to provide information about the organization or how the donation will be used, these could be signs of a charity scam.

Avoid making donations in cash or via wire transfer. Contribute by check that is payable to the fund, not to an individual, and mail directly to the charity.

Confirm that your contribution is tax deductible. If they can't provide proof that your donation is tax-deductible, it may be a scam.

For more information on charity scams and how to avoid them, visit our website by clicking [here](#).

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