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### Seniors Invited to Free Fraud Prevention Event in Hopkinsville on Oct. 15

**FRANKFORT, Ky. (Oct. 2, 2015)** – Area seniors are invited to the Senior Scam Jam, a free workshop in Hopkinsville to learn how to protect themselves from financial fraud and scams. The event is being held from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 15. Registered participants will be provided with lunch, take-home materials and a chance to win door prizes. Topics include cybercrime, mail fraud, reverse mortgages, identity theft, medicare fraud and investment fraud.

“This is a wonderful opportunity for citizens in eastern Kentucky to learn how to protect themselves in these tumultuous economic times,” said Gov. Steve Beshear. “I encourage seniors to take advantage of this free and unbiased information to help guard against financial fraud.”

- WHO:** Senior citizens in Hopkinsville and surrounding areas
- WHAT:** Free workshop on fraud prevention
- WHEN:** Thursday, Oct. 15, 2015  
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- WHERE:** PACS – Christian County Senior Center  
1402 West 7<sup>th</sup> St.  
Hopkinsville, KY 42240
- HOW:** Register now by calling 800-223-2579 or sign up online at <http://kfi.ky.gov/public/Pages/scam.aspx>

The Department of Financial Institutions (DFI) – in partnership with Kentucky AARP, the United States Postal Inspection Service, the Senior Medicare Patrol and the Attorney General's Office – is hosting the free, public event to raise awareness about the techniques con artists use, so seniors can recognize the tactics and protect themselves from fraud. The event also is co-sponsored by the Pennyryle Elder Abuse Council and PACS – Christian County Senior Center.

“Financial exploitation of the elderly can be as devastating as physical abuse,” said Attorney General Jack Conway. “My office is committed to protecting and educating Kentucky’s senior citizens so they won’t become victims of financial fraud.”

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