



FEMA



ATTENTION SENIORS: BE AWARE AND BEWARE OF SCAMS

To avoid being a victim of a scam, remember:

- A FEMA representative may visit your home in connection with your claim, but they will not require any payment.
- Ask to see the inspector's identification badge. All authorized FEMA and SBA employees are required to display a laminated photo ID badge at all times.
- Never provide Social Security or bank account numbers to inspectors.
- On any follow-up calls, a FEMA representative will only ask for the last four digits of your Social Security number.
- When hiring a contractor, call the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs at 800-242-5846 to confirm they are licensed. All contracts should be in writing. Review carefully before signing. Ask for a copy of your contractor's liability insurance and verify the policy is valid.

If you believe you have been the victim of a scam, call the FEMA Fraud Hotline at **800-323-8603** or the New Jersey Division of Consumer Affairs at **800-242-5846**.