**NAPSA Scam Advice Forum May 2025**

**Topic: Fighting Global Transnational Frauds/Scams**

Guest: Ken Westbrook, Stop Scams Alliance, will share information on the rapid rise in frauds perpetrated by transnational criminal enterprises. Information on the current threat landscape and ways that Australia and England have adopted successful policies that are reducing reports of these crimes will be shared, examining while US reports of money stolen are soaring. What accounts for the difference in the approaches and results?

**Co-Hosts:** Steve Baker and Debbie Deem

Sign up for Steve’s weekly ‘www.Bakerfraudreport.com’ for news/trends/ arrests/prosecutions worldwide on transnational organized crime frauds/scams.

**National Elder Fraud Hotline (U.S. DOJ)** 1-833-372-8311

National federal hotline for adults 60 and over to report fraud and providing support and resources/safety tips. Help with filing IC3 and FTC reports. Language line. https://ovc.ojp.gov/program/stop-elder-fraud/providing-help-restoring-hope

**Report Fraud to Local Police/Adult Protective Services (APS) as Well as One or More of These Federal Govt. Databases/Agencies**

* [www.ic3.gov](about:blank) FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center
* [www.reportfraud.ftc.gov](about:blank) Federal Trade Commission
* [www.identitytheft.gov](about:blank) Report Identity Theft to the FTC
* [https://www.uspis.gov/report](about:blank) U.S Postal Inspection Service (USPIS)

Or report 1-877-876-2455

* If Crypto Investment Confidence Fraud/Crypto-Romance Investment - contact your local U.S. Secret Service office, in addition filing a complaint with [CryptoFraud@SecretService.gov](mailto:CryptoFraud@SecretService.gov) and www.ic3.gov.

**FBI Guidance for Crypto-Currency Fraud Victims in Completing an IC3 report** [https://www.ic3.gov/Media/Y2023/PSA230824](about:blank)

**Stop Scams Alliance** <https://www.stopscamsalliance.org/>

“Stop Scams Alliance works to create a comprehensive, systemic approach that brings together technology, telecom, financial institutions, consumer advocacy groups, and government. We focus on finding solutions to stop scams at the source, before they hit the consumer or the banks.”

* **Australia’s Anti-Scam Blueprint: Lessons for the US** (Ken Westbrook- GASA) It describes the progress that Australia is making, and how the US could follow their lead.  <https://www.gasa.org/post/what-the-us-can-learn-from-australia-s-scam-crackdown>
* **Cyber-Enabled Financial Crime is Surging: How to Fight Back** (Ken Westbrook) <https://www.thecipherbrief.com/column_article/cyber-enabled-financial-crime-is-surging-how-to-fight-back>
* **Reducing Scam Losses: The Role of Banks in Consumer Protection** by Ken Palla (for GASA) Ken Westbrook’s Boom Approach To Scams <https://www.gasa.org/post/role-of-banks-in-fighting-consumer-financial-scams>
* **Don’t Let Scammers Break Your Heart and Your Bank- Santander Bank’s ‘Break The Spell’ Program** <https://www.santander.co.uk/about-santander/media-centre/press-releases/dont-let-scammers-break-your-heart-and-your-bank-as>
* **United Kingdom- Fraud Strategy: Stopping Scams And Protecting the Public** https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/fraud-strategy/fraud-strategy-stopping-scams-and-protecting-the-public
* **Scam Prevention Framework: Protecting Australians from** Scams (Legislation) including Governance, Prevent, Detect, Report, Disrupt, and Respond. <https://treasury.gov.au/sites/default/files/2025-01/p2025-623966.pdf>
* **Singapore- MHA COS 2025: Working Together to Fight Scams** https://www.mha.gov.sg/home-team-news/story/detail/mha-cos-2025--working-together-to-fight-scams/
* **“Inflection Point: Global Implications of Scam Centres, Underground Banking and Illicit Online Marketplaces in Southeast Asia**. UN Office on Drugs and Crime, April 2025 (Includes an executive summary) <https://www.unodc.org/roseap/uploads/documents/Publications/2025/Inflection_Point_2025.pdf>
* **National Elder Fraud Coordination Center (NEFCC)** The NEFCC aggregates and analyzes private and public sector data through an organized crime lens, tying cases together and creating high dollar investigative packages for federal law enforcement investigation and prosecution. https://www.fightelderfraud.org/

**To find a consumer law attorney** who specializes in various consumer rights/fraud victimization, contact the National Association of Consumer Advocates (NACA) at <https://www.consumeradvocates.org/findanattorney/>

**2005 Recent IRS Advice on Taxing Stolen Money:** https://www.taxpayeradvocate.irs.gov/news/nta-blog/irs-chief-counsel-advice-on-theft-loss-deductions-for-scam-victims/2025/04/

**Free National Online Fraud Support Programs (for all ages)**

* **AARP Fraud Support Group** Support for those victimized and family members of these frauds: To register (you don’t have to be AARP member, no age restriction).
  + <https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/fraud-victim-support-group/?cmp=RDRCT-CSN-FRD-NEW-SUPPORT_GROUP_PAGE>

* **Cybercrime Support Network** Free romance imposter fraud 10-week online peer support program.
  + [https://fightcybercrime.org/programs/romance-scam-recovery-group/](about:blank)
* **Fraud Awareness Network** offers a weekly peer-to-peer program for those victimized facilitated by Lifespan of NY’s Fraud Prevention Team.
  + [fraudnetwork@lifespanrochester.org](mailto:fraudnetwork@lifespanrochester.org)
* **GiveAnHour**  Weekly free support programs for those victimized and bimonthly support meeting for family members. <https://giveanhour.org/financial-fraud/>
* **Cathy Wilson, Therapist** <https://www.scamsurvivorhealing.com/>
  + Includes free YouTube video series for those victimized, and resources/videos for family members, mental health professionals, law enforcement, etc. <https://www.scamsurvivorhealing.com>
  + https://www.youtube.com/@fraudpsychology/videos