

NAPSA Scam Advice Forum March 2026

Topic: Fraud Recovery - The Missing Layer of Prevention

Guest: Ally Armeson, Executive Director of FightCyberCrime.org, which helps victims rebuild their emotional, financial and digital lives after an online crime occurs, including practical recovery and reporting tools and action steps, prevention education, peer-facilitated support groups and advocacy efforts to ensure those victimized get the help they need.

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

- FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center www.ic3.gov
- Federal Trade Commission www.reportfraud.ftc.gov
- Report Identity Theft to the FTC www.identitytheft.gov
- U.S Postal Inspection Service (USPIS) <https://www.uspis.gov/report> 1-877-876-2455
- If Crypto Investment Confidence Fraud/Crypto-Relationship Investment (Pig Butchering)- contact local U.S. Secret Service office, in addition filing a complaint with www.ic3.gov and CryptoFraud@SecretService.gov.
- FBI Guidance for Crypto-Currency Fraud Victims in Completing an IC3 report <https://www.ic3.gov/Media/Y2023/PSA230824>

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

National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys <https://www.naela.org/>

2025 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>

Stop Scams Caucus in Congress Information: <https://shreve.house.gov/issues/stop-scams-caucus>

President Trump Orders New Crackdown on Online Scams and Cybercrime (Executive Order and 'Cyber Strategy for America' plan)

- <https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/trump-orders-new-crackdown-on-online-scams-and-cybercrime/ar-AA1XKxyl>
- <https://www.whitehouse.gov/fact-sheets/2026/03/fact-sheet-president-donald-j-trump-combats-cybercrime-fraud-and-predatory-schemes-against-american-citizens/>

Resources and Additional Information Related to FightCyberCrime.org

- Free romance scam and crypto investment fraud recovery support groups information and registration <https://fightcybercrime.org/programs/romance-scam-recovery-group/>
- Military and Veteran's Program <https://fightcybercrime.org/programs/milvet/>
- Get Help Section and Action/Reporting Steps and Links for Variety Of Online Scams <https://fightcybercrime.org/support/>
- Videos <https://www.youtube.com/@wefightcybercrime/videos>
 - The Psychology of Romance Scams with Dr. Jennifer Lawrence- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KCxRnFK5fN8>
 - Bridging the Gap: Mental Health Support with Cathy Wilson <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EK65iCA2DBw>
 - How to Reverse Image Search <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nT4Ov9FpuYA>
- Blogs: (sample blogs of particular interest) Register at <https://fightcybercrime.org/blog/>
 - What Fraud Survivors Need to Know Before Filing Taxes <https://fightcybercrime.org/blog/what-fraud-survivors-need-to-know-before-filing-taxes/>
 - The Hidden Tax Burden Of Cybercrimes: Why Victims Are Paying Twice <https://fightcybercrime.org/blog/the-hidden-tax-burden-of-cybercrime/>
 - Cybercrime Recovery is Prevention in Disguise <https://fightcybercrime.org/blog/cybercrime-recovery-is-prevention-in-disguise/>
 - Why Platforms Keep Failing Fraud Victims and What Section 230 Has To Do With It <https://fightcybercrime.org/blog/why-platforms-keep-failing-fraud-victims-and-what-section-230-has-to-do-with-it/>
 - How AI is Automating Romance and Crypto Scams <https://fightcybercrime.org/blog/category/romance-scams/page/2/>
 - What Makes Cybercrime Trauma Unique? <https://fightcybercrime.org/blog/what-makes-cybercrime-trauma-unique/>
 - How To Approach A Loved One Involved in a Romance Scam <https://fightcybercrime.org/blog/category/romance-scams/page/10/>

- How to Provide Support to a Loved One Involved in a Romance Scam
<https://fightcybercrime.org/blog/how-to-provide-support-to-a-loved-one-involved-in-a-romance-scam>

Free National Online Fraud Support Programs

- **“Words Matter: Improving Outcomes for Scam Victims”** (AARP & FINRA)
https://www.finrafoundation.org/sites/finrafoundation/files/AARP-FINRA-Foundation_Words%20Matter_Say_This.pdf
- **“Let’s Talk About How We Talk About Fraud”**, Kathy Stokes, AARP,
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zZfZSubDYFg>
- **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
- **FightCyberCrime.org** Free romance and crypto investment imposter fraud online peer support programs, all ages. <https://fightcybercrime.org/programs/romance-scam-recovery-group/>
- **Fraud Awareness Network** offers a weekly peer-to-peer program for those victimized by fraud age 60 and over, facilitated by Lifespan of NY’s Fraud Prevention Team.
fraudnetwork@lifespanrochester.org or call 585-244-8400
- **Give An Hour** Free online support programs for victims and loved ones with peer support, all ages. Special training for therapists/advocates available. <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>
 - Mental health therapists: Learn about classes and certification for working with victims of fraud at www.fraudpsychology.org
- **National Suicide and Crisis Lifeline** Dial or text to ‘988’ or 1-800-273-8255
 - <https://988lifeline.org/>