



# Brown County Sheriff's Office

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The Brown County Sheriff's Office and has taken multiple calls over the recent days regarding phone scams. Several common scams include people claiming to be a representative of certain banks, credit card companies, or even the IRS. Please remember that actual companies such as these will never solicit personal information by phone. The Brown County Sheriff's Office would like to remind everyone that you should never disclose personal information, including but not limited to; your social security number, date of birth, birthplace, previous legal names, mother's maiden name, etc, over the phone.

Another common phone scam targeting elderly citizen's involves callers pretending to be a grandchild of the person they are calling. Often the grandchild provides a story about either being involved motor vehicle accident, or getting arrested while travelling away from home. The aim of this scam is to coax the victim into sending funds to the scammer via western union, or a similar money transfer service. Never send money via Western Union, or any similar money transfer service unless you have verified the identity and facts surrounding the person requesting the funds.

If you believe that you have been the victim of a scam, please contact your local law enforcement agency.

Thank you,

Rich Hoffman  
Sheriff, Brown County Sheriff's Office