

### **Office on Aging issues scam warning for seniors**

The Franklin Office on Aging has issued a warning to the senior community to about scams operating in our area.

- Seniors have reported callers identifying themselves as Senior Options approved home repair contractors. Our contractors will only call you if you have requested services. If you receive an unusual call and are unsure if it is actually from Senior Options, **refuse** to provide any information and call your case manager at (614) 462-6200 to report it. Your case manager can help determine if the call is legitimate.
- The Ohio Attorney General warns seniors of phone or mail solicitations asking for personal information in order to process Medicare rebate checks which are being sent to eligible recipients who have fallen through a gap in prescription drug coverage known as the “donut hole.” Call (800) MEDICARE for more information on the rebate checks.
- The Ohio Department of Insurance warns seniors of insurance schemes that pressure them to purchase insurance products that are not suitable for them. Seniors or their caregivers should contact the local police, the Ohio Attorney General’s Office at 1-800-282-0515 or online at [www.speakoutohio.gov](http://www.speakoutohio.gov), or the Take Action program at 1-800-686-1526.
- The rise in home foreclosures has increased the number of foreclosure-rescue scams. The Federal Trade Commission urges you to steer clear of anyone who asks for a fee in advance to work with your mortgage lender, guarantees to stop the foreclosure process – no matter what your circumstances, tells you not to contact your lender, lawyer, or credit or housing counselor or tells you to make your mortgage payments directly to it. To file a complaint or get information, visit [ftc.gov](http://ftc.gov) or call 1-877-382-4357; TTY: 1-866-653-4261.

Be aware of these scams and remember if something sounds too good to be true, it probably is.