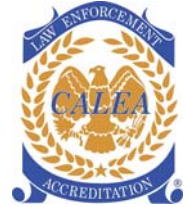




# Simsbury Police Department

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## **Medicare Telephone Scam**

The Simsbury Police have recently become aware of a telephone scam targeting our elderly community.

Recent news and discussion about possible changes in Medicare drug benefits has sparked a nationwide increase in phone calls where opportunistic scammers try to convince the elderly to divulge personal information regarding their Medicare account.

A number of Simsbury residents have reported receiving these types of phone calls. In cases that have been reported thus far, a male caller, often with a foreign accent, has asked for personal Medicare information and bank account information. Residents with caller identification have reported that a phone number may appear, but this number is unable to be dialed back or traced.

The Simsbury Police wish to remind our residents to never provide personal information over the phone, especially from an unsolicited caller. If a suspicious phone call is received, hang up immediately. Additionally, Medicare will never call to ask for sensitive personal financial information.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Simsbury Police Department at 860-658-3100.