

Did You Know.... The B.C. government and the Better Business Bureau has warned seniors to be aware of a phone scam that tricks grandparents into sending money to individuals posing as grandchildren in an emergency. In recent years, at least two seniors in Chilliwack and six from Surrey have been victimized by the "grandparent scam".

"Grandparent Scam"
Hits Surrey Old-Folks Home , CBC News. 2009

Avoiding Scams and Fraud, BC Securities Commission (BCSC) can help answer questions about investment planning, unsuitable investments, and scams. Their *Be Fraud Aware* campaign, provides information on fraud warning signs to help identify scams. To report a scam, contact the BCSC or fill out the *Report a Scam* form on their website.

Phone (toll-free): 1-800-373-6393

Donating to Charities: Get the Facts Before You Give is a seniors-friendly brochure providing facts on charitable giving and tips for recognizing fraudulent organizations.

Phone (toll-free): 1-800-465-4911

Charities Listings, Canada Revenue Agency is a list of all the registered charities in Canada. The list provides contact information, a description of the charity's activities, and financial information.

Phone (toll-free): 1-800-267-2384