



**FROM THE OFFICE OF
SUMMIT COUNTY PROSECUTOR
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THE SENIOR NEWS

Tips to Remember this Holiday Season



Do not leave your purse unattended in a grocery cart! Recently, a 76-year-old woman was shopping at Target with her purse in the cart when Tyrone Moore decided to steal it. The victim sustained a hand injury trying to hold onto her purse when Moore grabbed it. Moore was caught a short time

later. He pled guilty to the crime and received two years in prison.

Tip: Try not to carry a purse at all when shopping, or carry it inside your coat. Never leave it in your cart. It is just too tempting for criminals.

Online shopping is a great benefit for those who want to avoid the malls. However, with the convenience comes the risks. Packages are stolen from porches every day, not just at the holidays. Usually, a car will pull up with the passenger running up to the door to grab the package.

Tip: If you are expecting a package delivered to your home, either be home to receive it or ask a neighbor to watch for it.

Always be aware of your surroundings. Look around constantly to see if anyone is following you. Avoid being distracted by your phone. Have your keys in your hand when exiting the store. Lock your car doors immediately and leave!

If leaving home for the holidays, put timers on your lights so criminals will think you are home. Stop your mail or have a neighbor get it for you.

You can also contact your local police department or sheriff to watch your home while you are away.

Look for us at these Upcoming Events!

December 5, 2018
WAKR Luncheon



Tangier Restaurant
532 W. Market St., Akron
(330) 869-9800, \$14.00

*Doors open at 11:00 a.m.; Lunch at 12:15 p.m.
Purchase tickets at WAKR*

December 6, 2018
11:00 a.m.

City of Green Senior Luncheon
Guy's Party Center
500 E. Waterloo Rd., Akron
\$8 - resident; \$12 - non-resident
Call (330) 896-6621 for tickets

January 8, 2019
1:00 p.m.

Senior Speech
Greater Galilee Baptist Church
70 W. Huston St., Barberton

January 16, 2019

Senior Safety Speech
Danbury Senior Living
1695 Queen's Gate Circle, Community Room
Cuyahoga Falls, 44221

January 22, 2019
1:30 p.m.

AARP Green Chapter Safety Speech
Greensburg United Methodist Church
2141 Greensburg Road, N. Canton

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2-1-1 is an important tool that connects residents of Summit County to local resources. Senior citizens can call for food services or home delivered meals, utility assistance, senior housing, in-home care, home maintenance, yard work, assisted living, transportation, prescriptions, medical supplies and much more. They are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Call 2-1-1 or search their online database. Their services are free.

In 2017, 2-1-1 helped 67,668 people in need. Don't hesitate to call for help.

SENIOR SAFETY AWARENESS 2019 CALENDAR



Calendar Sponsored by Summit County Prosecuting Attorney Sherri Bevan Walsh

Have you received your 2019 Senior Safety Calendar? If not, visit us at any of the events listed on the front page or call my office at (330) 643-8674 and we will mail one to you.

12 Safety Tips for the Holidays

1. Beware of phony charities.
2. Do not confirm your identity in emails.
3. Leave lights on when you are not home.
4. Keep your garage door closed at all times.
5. Get estimates and referrals for home repairs.
6. Take a friend or family member when shopping.
7. Don't talk on the phone while walking to the car!
8. Go through a licensed company for health care aids.
9. Check your finances regularly for fraudulent activity.
10. Do not give out personal information on the phone.
11. Get security to escort you to your car if you feel uneasy.
12. Don't answer the door if you are not expecting someone.

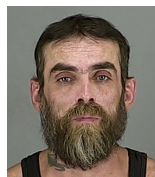
Two More Home Contractors Convicted



Cory Howard was sentenced to 18 months in prison and ordered to pay restitution to an 82-year-old man for damages caused on his property.

On November 19, 2017, emergency crews were called after a tree fell on a Sagamore Hills home, injuring the 82-year-old owner. The victim hired Alternative Property Maintenance to clean up debris following a strong storm which hit the area. During the process of removing the debris, workers with Alternative Property Maintenance were cutting down a tree when it fell on the home and trapped the victim who suffered significant injuries.

A follow-up investigation by my office discovered Cory Howard was the owner of two other businesses. None of them were registered with the Ohio Secretary of State's Office. Additionally, Mr. Howard did not register with the Summit County Office of Consumer Affairs, which is required to conduct door-to-door business solicitation in Summit County.



Thomas Rardon was sentenced to three years in prison for conning five elderly customers into hiring him to remove trees from their property. Rardon took money and then either never showed up to do the work or would start the job and not finish. He was also ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$6,435 to his victims.

In both of these cases, Howard and Rardon knocked on doors offering services for a very low price. I always tell people if it sounds too good to be true, it usually is. Call the Better Business Bureau at (330) 253-4565 or Summit County Consumer Affairs at (330) 643-2879 to verify a company before hiring them to do a job.