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Learn how to protect yourself from fraud and scams

Whitby, **Ontario** – Are you an older adult in Durham Region? Seniors are often targeted by frauds and scams in our community.

Being aware of common frauds and scams is your best defence to protect yourself from becoming a victim. On August 18, **Durham Regional Police Service** (DRPS)'s Detective Constable Martin Frannsen will host a virtual Fraud Awareness and Protection seminar. The seminar will teach older adults about scams that affect our community, how to protect yourself and the opportunity to ask guestions to Detective Constable Frannsen.

When: Wednesday, August 18 from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

Where: This is a virtual event. Register online at durham.ca/LearningSeries.

Who: Detective Constable Franssen is a senior investigator with the DRPS's Financial Crimes Unit. His work includes elder law and the protection of vulnerable persons. He also deals with complex corporate fraud investigations, including estate litigation and mortgage fraud.

Detective Constable Franssen has been recognized nationally for his dedication to the training and education of police officers and community members. He has conducted hundreds of seminars to increase awareness and prevent victimization in fraud, power of attorney and last will and testament.

Note: This event is part of the Virtual **Seniors' Virtual Learning Series**, presented by Durham Region in partnership with various community partners. Stay active, socially engaged and connected through educational workshops, recreational classes and community challenges for older adults. Watch for more events in the coming months.

This programming is funded through an Ontario Inclusive Community Grant.

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