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Free workshops will help Malheur County senior citizens protect themselves against insurance and financial abuse

Free presentations to help Ontario area senior citizens learn how to avoid insurance and financial abuse will be held Thursday, April 17, in the Snake River Room at Holy Rosary Medical Center (HRMC) in Ontario. The public is invited to attend.

An English presentation will be from 11 a.m. to noon, with a Spanish presentation from 2 to 3 p.m. Free transportation will be provided to HRMC from the Nyssa and Vale senior centers. Lunch will be provided for those 60 or older (\$3 suggested donation) and \$6 for non-seniors.

Each presentation, by the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services, will cover how to:

- recognize predatory marketing techniques used by insurance agents and security brokers,
- choose insurance and financial products suitable for your needs, and
- avoid scams.

Seniors citizens are often targets for deceptive sales practices or scams because many of them have accumulated large sums of money from a lifetime of savings and asset appreciation.

The presentations are part of the department's SAFE program: Senior and Family Education on In-surance and Financial Issues. They are co-sponsored by the Malheur Council on Aging & Community Services. For more information, please call toll-free 1-888-877-4894, ext. 7208.

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