



# NILES POLICE DEPARTMENT

## MEDIA RELEASE

Chief of Police  
Luis C. Tigera

7000 W. Touhy Avenue  
Niles, Illinois 60714  
NPDPIO@vniles.com

---

**DATE: 07/21/2022**

### Prepaid Debit Card Scams

**Niles, IL** – In response to the uptick in prepaid debit card scams, the Niles Police Department will be conducting further crime prevention efforts on prepaid debit card scams. Particularly for our senior Niles residents who have been the most affected, we are creating more educational tools and presentations to help prevent being a victim of these scams.

#### **Some tips to avoid being a victim of scams:**

- Never wire money, provide debit or credit card numbers to someone you don't know.
- Be suspicious of callers who demand immediate payment for any reason.
- Never give out personal or financial information to anyone who calls you unsolicited.
- Remember that utility companies and government agencies will not contact you demanding immediate payment by pre-paid re-loadable debit cards.
- If you believe that you owe taxes, call the IRS directly at 1-800-829-1040 and ignore false e-mails claiming to be from the IRS.

###