

Senior Immigrant Settlement Services English Conversation Circle

Unit//Level: Types of Scams/Beginner

Objective

Ps will learn about the types of frauds that are often targeted to seniors

Ps will practice vocabulary around scams and frauds

NOTE: This lesson plan could be spread over 2-3 sessions

Materials

- WORKSHEET Types of Scams
- JIGSAW Scams Targeting Seniors
- WORKSHEET True or False
- JIGSAW How to beat scammers

Step 1 Warm Up (15 minutes)

Introduce the idea of scams and frauds

- Write the words "Scam" and "Fraud" on the board. Ask if they know what the words mean. "Fraud" = lying to get money or something valuable from another person. "Scam" means the same thing. (It's a "slang" word).
- Write on board: "To good to be true" Have they ever heard this saying? What does it mean?

Tell Ps they are going to learn about how to protect themselves from frauds and scams.

Step 2 Work out (60 minutes)

Learn about Frauds and Scams

- **WORKSHEET – Types of Scams -** Put them into PAIRS or TRIOS to review the material. Have them discuss as per the questions at the top of the sheet

GROUP WORK – Report back to the rest of the class

- Do they know of any examples of fraud or scams in their home country?
- Did they ever have any personal experience with fraud before they came to Canada?
- Do they know of any examples of fraud in Canada?
- Have they or someone they know ever been the target of a scam?
- JIGSAW Scams targeting seniors (see page 2 of Lesson plan for Jigsaw instructions.
 Try to mix up the L1s)
- WORKSHEET True or False in pairs or trios work through these Qs, then share the results with the class
- **JIGSAW** How to beat scammers

Step 3 Cool Down (15 minutes)

Check their progress: Ask Qs based on the exercises they have just completed.

- What are the various types of scams?
- What are the 4 scams that currently target senior Canadians?
- What are the warning signs for a Prize Scam?
- What are the warning signs for the Grandparent Scam?
- What are the warning signs for a Service Scam?
- What are the warning signs for Romance Scams?
- How can you beat scammers



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Jigsaws

Jigsaws are a way to get Ps talking to one another. In a Jigsaw, information is given on a topic and this information is usually divided into 3 or 4 equal parts and distributed to small groups to learn.

When these homogeneous groups have mastered the material the participants regroup into heterogeneous groups to present material and complete a task.

So the groups of 4 in the first stage would look like this:

AA BB CC DD AA BB CC DD

Then after they have learned the material they would move to a new group and the groups would look like this:

AB AB AB AB CD CD CD

In this 2nd group they take turns telling the new group members about the material and information they just learned.

If they are in groups of 3 it would look like this:

AAA BBB CCC

Then after they have learned the material they would move to a new group and the groups would look like this:

ABC ABC ABC