

#### ⚠ Watch Out for These Top Frauds in 2023! ⚠

As we navigate through the year, it's crucial to stay vigilant against scams. Here are the top frauds to be aware of:

1 **Imposters**: Scammers posing as trusted figures to gain your personal information. Always verify before you trust!

- **Online Shopping Scams**: Be cautious of deals that seem too good to be true, especially those with negative reviews. Research before you click!
- **Prizes, Sweepstakes, and Lotteries**: If you didn't enter, you likely haven't won! Don't let excitement cloud your judgment.
- **Investment Schemes**: Promises of high returns with low risk? It's probably a scam! Do your homework before investing.
- **Business and Job Opportunities**: Offers that ask for money upfront or sound too perfect often are. Always research and verify.

Stay safe out there! **♥ %** #FraudAwareness #StaySafe #ScamAlert



### **⚠** Fraud Alert: A Growing Concern! **⚠**

In 2023, we saw **2.6 million fraud reports** with a staggering **\$10 billion** reported lost. That's an increase from **2.5 million reports** and **\$9 billion** lost in 2022.

These numbers highlight a troubling trend: fraud is on the rise! It's more important than ever to stay informed and protect yourself. Let's spread awareness and stay vigilant together!  $\mathbb{Q}$   $\mathbb{Q}$  #FraudAwareness #StaySafe #ScamAlert



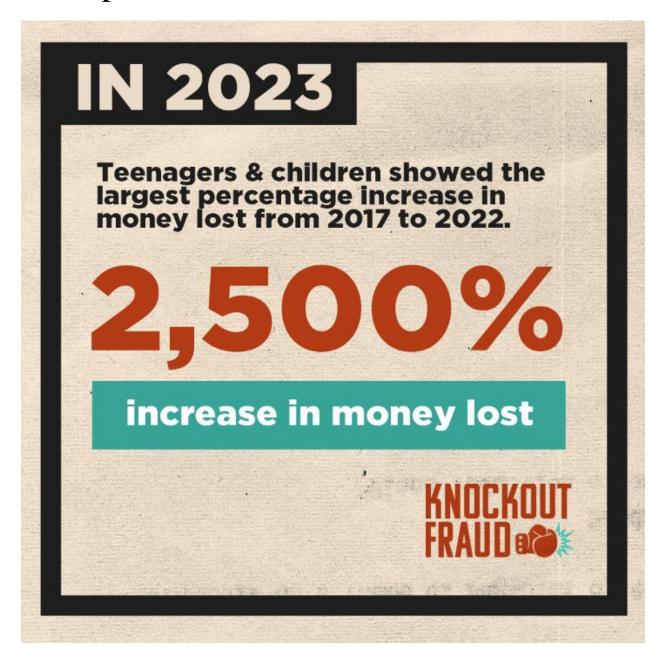
#### **⚠** Elder Fraud Alert **⚠**

In 2023, scams targeting individuals aged 60 and older led to over \$3.4 billion in losses—a troubling 11% increase from 2022. The average victim lost a staggering \$33,915 due to these scams.



### **⚠** Stark Reality of Financial Crime **⚠**

The Nasdaq 2024 Global Financial Crime Report reveals a staggering \$346.7 billion in illicit funds linked to forced labor and sex work in 2023. This figure likely represents only a fraction of the true extent, with much larger amounts going undetected. It's crucial to raise awareness and take action against these crimes. Together, we can work towards a more transparent and just financial system. The properties of the prope



### **⚠** Alarming Rise in Internet Scams Targeting Youth **⚠**

A 2023 study by Social Catfish reveals that teenagers and children have experienced a shocking **2,500% increase** in money lost to internet scams from 2017 to 2022.

This is a wake-up call for parents, educators, and communities to prioritize digital safety and educate our youth about the risks online. Let's protect our children from these dangers! 
#InternetSafety #ScamAwareness #ProtectOurYouth