Sector 3: Links to Trusted Sources for Scam Information
As Of: November 7, 2026

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11/6	AARP	https://www.aarp.org/podcasts/the-perfect-scam.html	This link takes you to the AARP site where various scam related subjects are addressed via podcasts. The individual subjects vary in length but all you have to do is pick your topic and listen.
10/8	Malwarebytes	https://www.malwarebytes.com/blog/scams/2026/09/scammers-are-getting-smarter-about-where-they-target-you	Scammers are increasingly tailoring their attacks by the platform they use, the time of day and even the day of the week. This article provides an excellent summary of how the scam industry is currently operating.
10/7	Medicare.gov	https://www.medicare.gov/basics/reporting-medicare-fraud-and-abuse	Guidance on how to avoid becoming a victim of Medicare fraud during the open enrollment period (as well as other times)
9/4	Ars Technica	https://arstechnica.com/security/2026/09/my-drivers-license-is-one-of-153-million-for-sale-on-a-new-dark-website/	Author of this piece reminds and warns that everything we have in the digital world is vulnerable and for sale. He says the FBI is investigating the breach. I'm not consoled.

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9/1	Penn Medicine	https://view.www2.pennmedicine.org/?vawpToken=ONPGMBJZFHYU7NQB6HQR5EPABE.100222	An email or text message, supposedly from MyChart, can trick the unsuspecting to open a link to a site that provides a "free MyChart Medicare Kit" or a free "Senior Health Package". Once the site is opened, you are duped into providing your personal information. When scammers have that information, **you become a product, as that information can be sold, and used against you**. Follow the link to learn more.
8/24	Malwarebytes	https://www.malwarebytes.com/blog/news/2026/08/9-million-images-of-peoples-faces-exposed-by-reverse-lookup-service	A site called ClarityCheck has created an online source for millions of faces. Their claim is that one can: ***"Use reverse image search to identify anyone in a photo. Find names, social profiles, and online presence in seconds."*** Remember that as far as scams go, you are the product, not the customer.
7/29	FTC	https://consumer.ftc.gov/features/pass-it	The Federal Trade Commission's Pass It On program helps older adults recognize and avoid common scams through short, easy-to-read articles, videos, presentations, and printable handouts.

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7/27	Malwarebytes	https://www.malwarebytes.com/blog/threat-intel/2026/07/this-fake-apple-app-can-unlock-your-macs-password-vault	CrashStealer is a new macOS infostealer that masquerades as Apple's CrashReporter component, uses an Applenotarized installer to slip past Gatekeeper, tricks users into handing over their password, and then systematically loots browsers, password managers, crypto wallets, and Keychain secrets before exfiltrating them in AESencrypted bundles. Regardless of whether you use an Apple or Windows PC the fact that scammers try to fool you with fake apps that can steal your information should be a cautionary note.
7/16	IDS	https://www.idx.us/knowledge-center/scammers-are-tapping-into-contactless-payments	Contactless payments seem safe and secure but scammers have ways to exploit this technology to steal funds from unsuspecting victims. This article explains what is happening and gives ways you can protect yourself.
7/13	Ally Bank	https://www.ally.com/stories/security/digital-payment-app-and-wallet-security-guide/?cp=EML400004629	This article provides tips on how to protect yourself from scams when using payment apps.
7/9	AARP	https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/protect-older-parents-from-scams/?src=psn	This article offers tips on how to spot a loved one's cognitive decline and prevent them from becoming a scam victim.
6/23	IDX	https://www.idx.us/knowledge-center/medical-breaches-happen-often-heres-how-to-prepare	A data breach involving medical records can be much more serious than you might believe. Your medical records can be used against you and in the hands of scammers are actually a "product" for sale. This link to the IDX website will help you understand the problem and what you can do to protect yourself. It also offers tips on what you should do if your records have been exposed.

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6/2	MalwareBytes	https://www.malwarebytes.com/blog/threat-intel/2026/05/fake-chatgpt-download-site-infects-windows-and-mac-users-with-malware	This article explains how scammers are using fake AI, such as ChatGPT, to tool victims into downloading software which will steal important information from the user. The only safe way to access an AI tool is to go directly to the AI company's website!
5/28	New York Times	https://www.nytimes.com/2026/05/28/technology/personaltech/online-scams-have-evolved-in-the-ai-era-heres-what-to-do.html	Scammers are increasingly using AI into tricking targets into falling for the scam. Protecting yourself requires new tactics.
5/10	New York Times	https://www.nytimes.com/2026/04/09/travel/travel-scams-airlines-hotels.html?emc=edit_ufn_20260510&nl=from-the-times&segment_id=219639	Be careful when booking a travel reservation. Scammers can trick you into thinking you are at a legitimate web site when you have really clicked on a bogus website that looks legitimate. Read website URLs carefully!
4/24	Malwarebytes	https://www.malwarebytes.com/blog/data-breaches/2026/04/booking-com-breach-gives-scammers-what-they-need-to-target-guests	Booking.com notified that "unauthorized third parties" had accessed guest reservation data and got booking details, names, email addresses, physical addresses, and phone numbers—essentially everything you'd need to convincingly impersonate a hotel contacting a guest.
4/24	Malwarebytes	https://www.malwarebytes.com/blog/news/2026/04/icloud-storage-is-full-scam-is-back-and-now-it-wants-your-payment-details	… iCloud-themed campaign that starts with a few "your iCloud storage is full' messages, then escalates to threats. If you don't respond or take action, the emails claim your data will be wiped on a specific date.
4//13	Malwarebytes	https://www.malwarebytes.com/blog/news/2026/04/scammers-pose-as-amazon-support-to-steal-your-account	Scammers attempt to steal your Amazon account information by sending you to a fake Amazon website

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4/13	Malwarebytes	https://www.malwarebytes.com/blog/scams/2026/04/this-fake-windows-support-website-delivers-password-stealing-malware	This article highlights a scam which tricks a user into updating Windows with software which looks like it came from Microsoft but is intended to steal your user accounts and passwords
1/26	Malwarebytes	https://www.malwarebytes.com/blog/news/2026/01/how-ai-made-scams-more-convincing-in-2025	One of numerous scam articles. “AI allows criminals to improve the scale, speed, and personalization of social engineering through realistic text, voice, and video. Victims face not only financial loss, but erosion of trust in digital communication and institutions.
3/26	IDX	https://www.idx.us/knowledge-center/ai-is-being-used-to-impersonate-people-you-trust	IDX is a consumer identity theft protection and tracking service. If someone’s personal information has been stolen in a security breach at a company which has that person’s information, that company may employ IDX to assist those customers (for free, for a while) by tracking occurrences of their information on the web.
3/26	Vanguard	https://investor.vanguard.com/investor-resources-education/article/how-scammers-exploit-investor-emotions	Article about the warning signs of scams and what to do about them
3/26	Forbes	https://www.forbes.com/sites/kellyphillipserb/2026/03/05/the-irs-dirty-dozen-tax-scams-to-watch-for-in-2026/?ctpv=searchpage	IRS’ annual list of top tax related scams against unsuspecting taxpayers

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2/26	Newsbreak	https://www.newsbreak.com/share/4516496163630-a-family-thought-their-luggage-was-swapped-during-a-dream-vacation-only-to-learn-they-had-fallen-victim-to-a-28000-travel-scam?_f=app_share&pd=01CLqwxC&lang=en_US&send_time=1772393887&trans_data=%7B%22platform%22%3A0%2C%22cv%22%3A%2226.6.0.47%22%2C%22languages%22%3A%22en%22%7D&s=i3	Travel scam which started with mishandled luggage. Money was lost due to an **unsecured payment link** during attempt to retrieve it.
2/26	New York Times	https://www.nytimes.com/wirecutter/reviews/scammers-want-to-steal-everyones-savings-especially-seniors-heres-how-to-protect-yourself/	A high-level look at scams. Might be a good place to start but does not cover the topic in much detail.
3/26	AARP	https://www.aarp.org/money/scams-fraud/#01?intcmp=AE-SCM-FRD-FRC	High level link with links to several scam topics, subtopics and issues
3/25	Consumer Reports	https://www.consumerreports.org/money/scams-fraud/new-scams-to-watch-out-for-a9334297641/	Latest in a series of articles about scams; may need a subscription