



Project title:

Senior citizens – beware of the scams!

Main theme:

How to avoid falling victim to crimes committed by fraudsters posing as “grandchildren”- frauds against senior citizens and the methods most often employed by criminals.

Project purpose and outcome (in two sentences):

Raising the awareness among senior citizens on frauds committed by fraudsters posing as “grandchildren”, providing information on how to behave in dangerous situations, how to be assertive and employ the rule of limited trust.

Project submitter (Member State):

Poland

Project leader(s):

City Guard in Milanówek

Cooperating entities:

municipality of Milanówek

Project description (max. 150 words):

Prevention is a well-tryed method of combating such crime. Relevant services are notified after a person falls victim to fraud. Therefore, it is important to make senior citizens aware of the threats.

The project will consist in organisation of meetings for senior citizens by the City Guard officers. Methods used by fraudsters posing as “grandchildren” will be discussed. Modus operandi of criminals is simple, but very often modified – they pose as administration officials, employees of gas companies, power companies, the National Health Fund or the Police officers.

The officers will deliver presentations and show films illustrating issues related to safety at home, protection of property and threats resulting from the lack of knowledge, being naive, wanting to help or from excessive trust. There will be an opportunity to ask questions, exchange experience and dispel doubts. Senior citizens will receive leaflets with advice on how to avoid or reduce the



risk of most serious crimes, such as losing one's life savings.

Five one-hour meetings will be organised. The project will cover 200 senior citizens.

Objectives project (max. 150 words):

Raising awareness of senior citizens on frauds committed by fraudsters posing as "grandchildren".

Increasing the knowledge and skills of senior citizens on how to behave in dangerous situations, how to be assertive and employ the rule of limited trust.

Project outcome (max. 150 words):

The project will allow 200 senior citizens:

- to become aware of the risk of frauds committed by fraudsters posing as "grandchildren"
- to learn how to act in dangerous situations;
- to learn how to be assertive;
- to learn about safety in their place of residence;
- to have their doubts related to such frauds dispelled.

The impact of the project will be even wider, since the senior citizens will share their knowledge, thus protecting other elderly persons against fraud.

Start and end project:

1 May 2017 – 31 December 2017

Funding (total budget and type of funding (e.g. ISEC, EUCPN Fund,...)):

The project is financed from own funds.

Contact details project:

City Guard in Milanówek, ul. Warszawska 32, 05- 822 Milanówek; straz_miejska@milanowek.pl.