



TASA is comprised of specialized attorneys, investigators, and outreach specialists, all from the Attorney General's office. Our Advisory Group works with APS, AAA and local law enforcement.

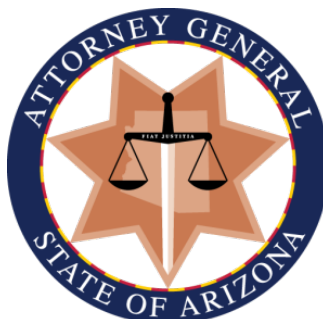
The focus is to educate and heighten awareness about what senior/elder abuse is, how we can help prevent it in our state, and to vigorously prosecute cases.

TASA's Mission Statement:

- To establish a direct line of communication for anyone to call or contact the Attorney General's Office seeking assistance with their concerns of senior abuse.
- To identify and open those cases which meet the criteria and are within the scope of the prosecutorial authority of the Attorney General's Office involving crimes, Medicaid fraud and consumer fraud.
- To raise awareness within the community that everyone should do everything possible to prevent and report senior abuse and exploitation.
- To provide communication and coordination among statewide groups in order to embrace and promote local coalitions.

Our Community Outreach & Education Division offers FREE educational presentations about protecting our seniors.

For a presentation to your organization, please call 602-542-2123





TASA members include attorneys who specialize in the following areas:

CONSUMER PROTECTION AND ADVOCACY SECTION

The Office's Consumer Protection and Advocacy Section enforces the Consumer Fraud Act and other related statutes which prohibit the use of deception and fraud in the marketplace.

This Section investigates and civilly prosecutes entities that engage in:

- False Advertising
- Telemarketing Fraud
- Business "Opportunity" Scams
- Bait and Switch Practices
- Automobile Sales/Repair Fraud
- Mortgage Fraud
- Loan Modifications
- Reverse Mortgages
- Travel Scams
- Home Repair Fraud

Consumer fraud actions filed by the State typically seek (1) restitution for those consumers who are victimized, (2) injunctive relief to stop future violations and (3) civil penalties.

HEALTH CARE FRAUD AND ABUSE SECTION

The Attorney General's Health Care Fraud and Abuse Section investigates and prosecutes health care fraud crimes that impact the State's billion dollar Medicaid program known as AHCCCS. In addition, this Section investigates allegations of abuse and neglect that take place within health care settings that are at least partially funded by the State's AHCCCS program.

The Health Care and Abuse Section investigates and prosecutes:

- The falsification of medical records and the filing of false or inflated Medicaid billing claims;
- Thefts and embezzlements from AHCCCS clients and health care institutions;
- The illegal diversion of prescription drugs by health care providers; and
- The physical, sexual, and emotional abuse of residents being cared for in AHCCCS funded facilities.

CRIMINAL FRAUD SECTION

The Criminal Fraud Section continues to aggressively investigate and prosecute frauds and criminals that target Arizona's Senior Citizens.

Typical crimes that are prosecuted by this Section include:

- Ponzi Schemes
- Securities Fraud
- Affinity-based Frauds
- Mortgage Fraud
- Mortgage Rescue Fraud
- Telemarketing Fraud
- Business-Opportunity Fraud
- Contractor/Home-Repair Fraud Schemes
- Non-Medicaid Caretaker Fraud
- Theft
- Misuse of Power of Attorney
- Investment Schemes