



**Beware: Scams from Area Code 876
PSA Script for Radio Stations**

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Announcer:

Seniors across Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont are receiving thousands of calls from area code 8-7-6 that promise big lottery winnings, new cars and new homes. These are actually well-organized scams that have resulted in losses of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Scammers are extremely sophisticated – they scan online obituaries to prey on the emotions of lonely widows, review property assessments to target wealthy retirees, and use online maps to reference local landmarks to make the scam more believable.

Seniors are directed to send a fee to process the lottery winnings. Once money is sent, the calls increase with excuses why more taxes and charges must be paid to obtain the prize. The scam intensifies as seniors are encouraged to provide bank account, credit card and social security information.

Don't let your loved ones be another victim. Visit beware-of-8-7-6-dot-com for more information.

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