

### *Important Notice on the Limitations of the AARP Fraud Victim Support Group*

To help alleviate the emotional damage caused by the prevalence and growth of fraud events, the [AARP Fraud Watch Network](#)<sup>™</sup> offers a free peer support program for victims of fraud and their loved ones.

The AARP Fraud Victim Support Group allows individuals a forum to meet and interact with others who have experienced similar events and is intended to help them know that a crime was perpetrated against them, and that they are not alone. The group also provides a safe environment to give and receive valuable feedback and support from others who are on the road to healing and recovery.

You don't have to be the primary victim to join one of our sessions. If you are a loved-one (spouse, partner, friend, child, parent) you are also welcome and encouraged to participate.

The AARP Fraud Victim Support Group is not intended to, and should not be used to, replace the specialized training and professional judgment of mental health professionals. AARP cannot, and does not, assume the roles of physician or therapist.

Information about moral distress, resilience and peer support are valuable assets in managing stress. But they are complementary to, not substitutes for, professional assistance.

Please seek immediate professional help if you or someone else is:

- Having thoughts of suicide or of harming others
- Unable to provide self-care or perform the activities of daily living
- Abusing substances, and/or
- In danger of being harmed

AARP cannot be held responsible for the voluntary disclosure of personal information during participation in the AARP Fraud Victim Support Group, although AARP will not share such information with third parties or use for any purpose other than executing program sessions. Please always consult a trained mental health professional before making any decision regarding treatment for yourself or others.

If you or someone else are in need of immediate medical attention or crisis support, please call 911 or the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at (800) 273-8255 without delay. (Note: One can also text or call 988. Languages available are English and Spanish.)