

## **Grandparent Scam**

Ring-ring...

You - Hello?

Caller – Grandma/grandpa I need your help

You – Johnnie, is that you?

Caller – Yes it is. I'm in XXX and have been arrested.

I need you to wire \$YYYY for bail money.

You – I don't have a grandson named Johnnie. Nice try loser!

If you give your real grandchild's name, be assured that this will be who is said to be calling. The call has all the hallmarks of a scam. A voice on the phone, a loved one in trouble, urgent action required, send money, now! Stop. Think. Hang up, call your grandchild, or their parents. Your grandchild will be at home or with friends – and almost certainly not in jail!

See: [Toronto woman charged in 'grandparent scam' after senior scammed out of almost \\$10,000](#)

[Grandparent scam victim speaks out to Global News then gets money back](#)