



# **THE GRANDKID SCAM**

**You get a call: “Grandma, I need money for bail,” - or money for a medical bill or some other kind of trouble.**

**The caller says it’s urgent - and tells you to keep it a secret.**

**But is the caller who you think it is?**

**Scammers are good at pretending to be someone they’re not.**

**They can be convincing: sometimes using information from social networking sites, or hacking into your loved one’s email account, to make it seem more real.**

**And they’ll pressure you to send money before you have time to think.**

## **Here’s what you can do:**

**1. STOP. Check it out. Look up your grandkid’s phone number yourself or call another family member.**

**2. Pass this information on to a friend. You may not have gotten one of these calls, but chances are you know someone who will get one - if they haven't already.**