

## **Beware of Scams at Senior Centers**

An Area Agency on Aging (AAA) recently informed the California Department of Aging (CDA) of a misleading solicitation that was presented at one of their centers. The scam involved a company that rented the senior center to provide a presentation about trusts, annuities and estate planning. The services offered were predatory involving possible financial abuse of the seniors. Seniors may perceive that a trusted organization, the senior center, is sponsoring the event and may provide more personal information than they should to a predatory organization.

There is some concern that a senior center (or any place that allows such meetings to occur on their premises) may be in violation of provisions of the Welfare and Institutions Code or other laws that cover elder and financial abuse under Welfare & Institutions Code 15610.30(a)(2), if an elder is financially injured by the company or person that gave the seminar.

Please take all precautions if you rent out your senior center facilities to assure the information and products offered are appropriate and safe for the population and that the company upholds lawful business practices.

Link to Seniors Against Investment Fraud:

[http://www.corp.ca.gov/Education\\_Outreach/saif/default.asp](http://www.corp.ca.gov/Education_Outreach/saif/default.asp)