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**Free workshop will help Harney County senior citizens protect themselves against insurance and financial abuse**

A free presentation to help Harney County senior citizens learn how to avoid insurance and financial abuse will be held 12:15 p.m. Friday, April 18, at the Harney County Senior & Community Center, 17 S. Alder Avenue in Burns. The public is invited to attend.

The presentation, by the Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services, will cover how to:

- recognize predatory marketing techniques used by insurance agents and security brokers,
- choose insurance and financial products suitable for your needs, and
- avoid scams.

Seniors citizens are often targets for deceptive sales practices or scams because many of them have accumulated large sums of money from a lifetime of savings and asset appreciation.

The presentation is part of the department's SAFE program: Senior and Family Education on Insurance and Financial Issues. It is co-sponsored by the Harney/Malheur Community Action Agency and Harney County Senior and Community Services. For more information, please call toll-free 1-888-877-4894, ext. 7208.

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