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Protect your identity with Halton police

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Complicated scams have been making their rounds in Halton Hills, and the Halton Regional Police Service wants to arm you with all preventive measures.

On Jan. 9, from 7:30-8:30 p.m., Halton police will be at the John Elliott Theatre to teach residents how to not fall victim or be taken advantage by those who commit fraud and theft.

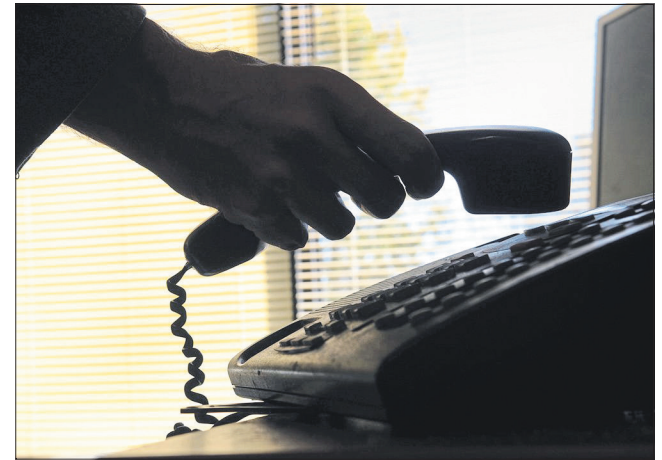
There is no registration required, and the event is free.

Protecting your identity and knowing the key signs to a possible scam will be included in the presentation.

Over the last few years, "phishing" phone scams have been making the rounds.

These scams are designed to fool the person called into thinking the caller is a close relative who has been in an accident and requires money to pay a lawyer, fees, or bail. They money they want is usually requested in the form of gift cards.

Last September, a Georgetown woman received a call from some-



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Police are warning residents about a circulating phone scam asking for gift cards.

one she thought was her son. He told her he had been in a car accident, and the police officer on site wanted to talk to her.

Soon, she was talking to her son's attorney, and he advised her son had been charged and in custody, so he was away from his cellphone and other belongings.

The woman, who requested anonymity, was then advised the judge was hearing his case, and instead of direct payment through a credit card, he said the judge liked to donate to local charities, and gift cards would pay for her son to get out of jail.

The woman then visited a few local stores to purchase the gift cards, spending \$1,750. At Shoppers Drug Mart and Walmart, the cashiers refused to sell her the gift cards, and she finally tried to call her son.

"He told me he was at work and in the middle of a meeting," she said. "When I told him the story, he was so mad."

The woman went to the local police detachment and spoke to officers. Insp. John Van der Lelie encourages everyone to be on the lookout for people buying numerous gift cards at a high price.

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