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**CRIME PREVENTION TIPS**

In recognition of October as “National Crime Prevention Month” the Yolo County District Attorney’s Office will be providing useful tips each week from different units.

The Insurance and Annuity Fraud Unit recommends the following tips to help keep you safe:

- 1) Be alert to high pressure sales tactics with an insistence on making an immediate decision. Take your time to thoroughly learn about any major financial decision like a reverse mortgage or annuity before making it.
- 2) Avoid salespeople who are unwilling to let you discuss the deal with another trusted advisor or provide written information with verifiable references.
- 3) Check out the agent’s credentials with the California Department of Insurance or Department of Corporations and the Better Business Bureau.
- 4) Make sure you hire only licensed and insured contractors to work on your home. Verify this information by contacting the Contractors State License Board at 1- 800 321-2752 or [www.cslb.ca.gov](http://www.cslb.ca.gov).
- 5) Get everything in writing, including bids. Check references and remember that a down payment cannot exceed 10 percent or \$1000 dollars whichever is less.

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