

The 10-Minute Scam-Proof Checklist

For your parent's phone. Free from ElderLantern, yours to keep.

Do these ten things today. Each takes about a minute, and together they block the scams that target seniors most.

- 01** Turn on bank transaction alerts
Every Indian, Australian, and US bank offers free SMS or app alerts for debits. If money can move without her noticing, that is the first hole. Switch it on with her, today.
- 02** Set a daily UPI / payment limit
In payment app settings, cap per-day transfers to a small amount. Scammers move fast; a low ceiling buys you time to intervene.
- 03** Save the real bank numbers, label the fake pattern
Add the bank's official number under the bank's name in contacts. Agree on one rule: if a caller asks for money, OTP, or KYC, she hangs up and calls the saved number back.
- 04** Enable app-lock on WhatsApp and banking apps
Fingerprint or PIN lock means a stolen or borrowed phone is not an open door.
- 05** Write passwords in ONE physical book, stored safely
Not in a notes app, not in a WhatsApp chat to herself. A small notebook in a drawer beats a screenshot in her gallery. (ElderLantern does this digitally, with encryption.)
- 06** Turn on automatic OS updates
Android: Settings, System, System update. Most scam-enabling malware walks through old software.
- 07** Block unknown callers where possible
Android and iPhones both offer spam-filtering in phone settings. Imperfect, but it filters the laziest scammers.
- 08** Bookmark the official sites she uses
Bank, electricity, Medicare or pensions portal. Fake sites are a top trap; bookmarks beat search results.
- 09** Do one practice drill together
Play her a scam voicemail from YouTube (search: KYC scam call recording). Say it out loud: we never pay because of a phone call. Rehearsed families spot scams twice as fast.
- 10** Pick the family password
One word only the family knows. Any "relative" in an emergency who cannot say the word is a scammer. It sounds simple because it works.

Done all ten? Her phone is meaningfully harder to scam tonight.

ElderLantern automates this guard: scam alerts in seconds, password rescue, and a Sunday digest that says all clear.

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