

Free AI Tool Helps Seniors Detect Scams Before They Lose Money

PurrtectMe.com lets anyone 60+ paste a suspicious email, text, or call script and get an instant, plain-language scam verdict — free, no account needed.

SAMMAMISH, WA, UNITED STATES, September 14, 2026 / EINPresswire.com/ -- A Sammamish engineer has launched a free tool designed to help older Americans identify scams before they lose money, as new federal data shows elder fraud losses climbing at a record pace.

PurrtectMe.com allows anyone to paste a suspicious email, text message, or phone call script into the site and receive an instant, plain-language explanation of whether it is likely a scam. The platform requires no account, no payment, and no technical experience to use.

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Seniors deserve a tool that protects them without costing them money or asking them to learn new technology. That's what PurrtectMe.com was built to do.”

*Tariq, Founder,
purrtectme.com*



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According to the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center 2025 Annual Report, Americans aged 60 and older filed 201,266 fraud complaints in 2025, reporting \$7.75 billion in losses — a 59 percent increase over the prior year, with an average loss of \$38,500 per victim.

"Seniors are being targeted by scams that are more convincing than ever, and most existing tools either cost money, require an account, or weren't built with seniors in mind," said Tariq Shaikh, founder of PurrtectMe.com. "I wanted to build something a senior or their caregiver could use in the moment, for free, without having to figure

out new technology first."

Shaikh brings 17 years of fraud-prevention experience to the project, having built fraud-detection systems at companies including Amazon, American Express, Citibank, Charter/Spectrum, and Walmart/Sam's Club. He holds a Master of Science in Industrial Engineering from Arizona State University.

PurrtectMe.com uses generative AI to analyze the language and structure of a submitted communication, drawing on patterns common to phishing, romance scams, tech-support fraud, government impersonation, and investment fraud, then returns its assessment in plain, non-technical language. The site has been live since April 2026 and has been accessed by visitors in 29 countries, with the large majority based in the United States.

Unlike commercial scam-detection features bundled into paid antivirus subscriptions, PurrtectMe.com is designed to remain free permanently, with no in-app purchases or advertising. Shaikh has self-funded the platform's development and hosting to date.

PurrtectMe.com is available now at purrtectme.com. Seniors, caregivers, and family members are encouraged to use the tool any time they receive a communication that feels suspicious, before responding or sending money.

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