

"EXPERIENCE"

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Schoharie County Office for the Aging 518-295-2001

Laughter Is Good For The Soul

- What did the football coach say to the broken vending machine?
Give me my quarterback.
- Why did the strawberry cry? He found himself in a jam
- Yesterday I saw a guy spill all his Scrabble letters on the road.
I asked him, "What's the word on the street?"

Life Chat: Schoharie County Office for the Aging invites you to join us for some **Summer Safety Tips** presented by Schoharie County Department of Health, Cobleskill Regional Hospital Infection Preventionist, Schoharie County Environmental Health. **June 24th** 1 PM at The Gathering Place. 127 Kenyon Rd., Cobleskill, NY 12043. Topics include: Disease, Summer viruses, Food Safety, Weather, Tick Borne diseases, Rabies and how to prevent them. Questions or to RSVP contact Deb Dyer at 518-295-2001.

Life Chat: Come join us on July 8th at 1PM, Amy Hoffman-James, Public Health Educator with the Upstate New York Poison Center, will be sharing poison prevention information specifically for older adults and anyone serving in the role as a caregiver. We often recognize the poison center as a place to call for children, but did you know they are a 24/7/365 resource for people of all ages? You may have a question about medication you take, or mistakenly took the wrong medicine - the poison center can help! Join us to learn about safe medication storage, use, and disposal as well as information on keeping household products stored safely, plant safety information, and even food storage safety! Place: The Gathering Place, 127 Kenyon Rd., Cobleskill, NY 12043 For any Questions or to RSVP contact Deb Dyer at 518-295-2001.

AARP Defensive Driving Class will be held **August 9, 2024**, from 9:00AM to 4:00PM, Course fee \$25.00 AARP Members, \$30.00 Non-AARP Member. Payment by check or Money Order Only made out to AARP. No Cash payments will be accepted. Bring your Driver's license & AARP Card if member. There will be a 30-minute lunch break. Please arrive a few minutes early for the registration process. Registration Required 518-295-2001.

Durable Medical Equipment Scams

Fraudulent companies are charging Medicare beneficiaries for durable medical equipment (DME) without showing the medical necessity and sometimes without sending the equipment to the beneficiaries.

Here is a list of the latest DME Fraud Schemes:

- Suppliers offer "free" equipment but bill Medicare.
- Suppliers use their doctors (not yours), who prescribe unnecessary medical equipment.
- Supplier or doctors provide medical equipment you never requested.
- Suppliers or doctors who charge for items you never received.
- Suppliers who bill for people who have passed away.
- Suppliers who request your Medicare number at a presentation or in an unsolicited phone call.
- Beneficiaries who willingly allow their Medicare number to be used in exchange for money, gifts, or unnecessary equipment and supplies.
- Suppliers who deliver an off-the-shelf product but bill Medicare for a more costly product.

Report it.

Your NYS Senior Medicare Patrol can help you with questions, concerns or complaints about potential DME fraud, call 800-333-4374.

Thought for the Week – When I was a kid, bedtime was 9 pm. I couldn't wait to be a grownup so I could go to bed anytime I wanted. Turns out that is 9 pm.