

Social Security for Your Home



Instructor: Brian MacDonald and Melanie Siddall

Date/ Time: Tuesdays 10am-11:30am

Session Dates: October 24, 31 and November 7 (3 sessions)

Location: NSCC Amherst

Participants: Minimum 10, Maximum 25

Course Outline:

Session #1 - Frauds and Scams

Amherst Police Department introduces the various frauds and scams that are affecting our daily lives.

Session #2 – Social Engineering & Identity Fraud Protection

Home network setup, WIFI security, SMART devices in the home, and password management.

Session #3 – Artificial Intelligence (AI)

What is AI and its current and future impact on everyday life for seniors.

Instructor Bio:

Melanie Siddall

Melanie is the crime prevention/community person at APD, sitting on various community boards and committees, while liaising with community partners. Melanie is also a criminology student with Wilfrid Laurier University.

Brian MacDonald

Brian is a consulting software architect specializing in complex systems integration and cyber-security. In over 30 years of experiences, he has designed and implemented systems including domestic smart metering and nuclear systems integration and security.

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