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Secure Our Seniors' Safety (SOSS)



Turning personal loss into a mission to protect older adults.

Shannon Gleason Dion leads Secure Our Seniors' Safety (SOSS), a nonprofit established in 2019 to address security vulnerabilities in senior living communities. Through education, advocacy, and collaboration, she works to help families protect their loved ones and encourage stronger safeguards for older adults.

A PERSONAL STORY. A LASTING MISSION.

Shannon's mother, Doris Gleason, was one of the victims of Billy Chemirmir, who targeted older adults in North Texas, including residents of independent living communities. After discovering that other families had suffered similar losses, Shannon joined fellow victims' relatives to establish SOSS.

Together, they turned their grief into advocacy for stronger security, greater transparency, and meaningful protections for seniors. Shannon has worked with Texas lawmakers and fellow advocates to advance reforms and continues to share her mother's story so others can learn from these tragedies.

ABOUT THE PRESENTATION

Shannon examines how a serial killer gained access to vulnerable seniors, how victims were targeted, how agencies responded, and the security failures these crimes revealed. She connects these lessons with practical steps families, providers, and public agencies can take.

- Evaluating security when choosing a senior living community
- Safety and oversight considerations when hiring home caregivers
- The role of transparency, reporting, and coordinated agency responses

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