



There are many types of fraud and scams, with new ones created every single day. Anyone can become a victim of a fraud, a scam or identity theft.

To report a new fraud or scam when you have not provided any personal information and you have not lost any money

- 📌 Contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501
- 📌 Online: [Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre](#)

If you are unsure if personal information was obtained and you have not lost any money, You can get assistance through:

- 📌 Equifax Canada 1-800-871-3250 or
- 📌 TransCanada Union at 1-800-663-9980

If you provided money, details of your banking or credit card information, or personal information that may lead to the opening of a fraudulent account in your name or using your credit:

- 📌 Report to Vernon North Okanagan RCMP by calling, attending the front counter, or completing the online reporting form
- 📌 Notify your financial institution to place alerts on your accounts and credit



Scams often involve unsolicited contact, a sense of urgency, and requests for personal or financial information. Be wary of offers that seem too good to be true, and remember to verify information with official sources before acting.

Key Signs of a Scam:

- ✦ **Unsolicited Contact:** Scammers will often contact you “out of the blue”, whether through email, phone, or social media.
- ✦ **Urgency:** They pressure you to make a quick decision, often threatening you if you don't comply.
- ✦ **Suspicious Payment Requests:** They may ask for money via unusual methods like preloaded debit cards, gift cards, or virtual currencies.
- ✦ **Requests for Personal or Financial Information:** Scammers may ask for sensitive information like Social Security numbers, bank account details, or passwords.
- ✦ **Impersonation:** They may pretend to be someone you know or an official entity to gain your trust.
- ✦ **Poor Grammar and Spelling:** Scams often contain grammatical errors or typos in emails, texts, or websites.
- ✦ **Deceptive Offers:** Scammers may promise incredible deals or prizes that are too good to be true.
- ✦ **Scare Tactics:** They may threaten you with dire consequences if you don't comply with their demands.



How to Protect Yourself:

Be Cautious of Offers:

- 🔑 Treat unsolicited offers with skepticism and verify them with the legitimate source.

Don't Click on Suspicious Links:

- 🔑 Before clicking any link, hover over it to check the URL and ensure it leads to a legitimate website.

Verify Before Acting:

- 🔑 If you're unsure about a request, contact the organization directly to verify its legitimacy.

Don't Share Sensitive Information:

- 🔑 Never share personal or financial information with someone you don't know or trust.

Report Scams:

- 🔑 If you suspect you've been targeted by a scam, report it to the relevant authorities.

Visit the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre Website

- 🔑 This website contains an extensive list of active frauds and scams. It also provides additional information for example, on how to protect yourself and much more.
- 🔑 Website: [Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre](https://www.antifraudcentre.ca)

