



International Fraud Awareness Week

Canadian Anti-Fraud Center

The Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) collects information on fraud and identity theft. It is an excellent resource on providing information on past and current scams affecting Canadians.

Scams are summarized by the target, individual vs business, and by delivery method, i.e., How did the scammer contact you? Was it by:

1. Email or text message
2. Through a website or social media platform
3. A letter or other mail item
4. Phone or fax
5. In person

Click on the link to be directed to the summary of scams posted on the CAFC site [Browse scams \(antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca\)](https://antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca)

Protect yourself - Tips for Individuals

1. Don't be afraid to say no
2. Do your research
3. Don't give out personal information
4. Beware of upfront fees
5. Protect your computer
6. Be careful who you share images with
7. Protect your online accounts
8. Recognize spoofing

Remember, if it seems too good to be true, it is.

Protect yourself - Tips for Businesses

1. Know who you're dealing with
2. Don't give out information on unsolicited calls
3. Limit your employees' authority
4. Watch for anomalies

Click on the link to be directed for a more thorough explanation on protecting yourself for both Individuals and Businesses [Protect yourself from scams and fraud \(antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca\)](https://antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca)

What to do if you're a victim of fraud

1. Collect your thoughts
2. Contact your financial institutions
3. Contact the police
4. Report the incident
5. Protect yourself from future fraud

Click on the link to be directed for a more thorough explanation on what to do if you're a victim of fraud [What to do if you're a victim of fraud \(antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca\)](https://antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca)

Why you should report fraud and cybercrime

In order for law enforcement to combat fraud and cybercrime, it is essential that those who experience, or fall victim, report it to local police and the CAFC. Local police are positioned to investigate the incident and the CAFC supports law enforcement by sharing information collected through the reports.

Reasons to report to the CAFC:

1. Information could link a number of crimes together, in Canada and abroad.
2. Information could progress or complete an investigation.
3. Reports show crime trends and allows for crime forecasting.
4. It helps law enforcement, private and public sector, academia etc. to learn about the crimes and help with prevention and awareness efforts.

References

Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre. Government of Canada, Royal Canadian Mounted Police. (2022, November 3). Retrieved November 13, 2022, from <https://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/index-eng.htm>