

Red Flags of Fraud

Be on the lookout for common tactics fraudsters use to take your money!



The deal



...is too good to be true.

Did you really win a prize? Is that investment really “zero risk”? If an offer seems too good to be true, it is.



...is for a limited time only.

Fraudsters pressure you to act fast before you have time to think it over, review any contracts, or ask for a second opinion.

The fraudster



...tries to befriend you.

They try to gain your trust quickly by bonding over shared groups and activities. They will pretend to have your best interests at heart.



...catches you off guard.

They may call early in the morning or during the night when you are less alert so they can trick you into revealing financial information.

They prey on



...your fears.

They may try to blackmail you, or tell you that you will be arrested. They may even impersonate a family member in trouble.



...your emotions.

They may form a romantic relationship with you, invent stories to gain your sympathy, or take advantage of your desire to get in on a new and upcoming trend.

They ask you



...to keep it secret.

They claim to offer confidential insider knowledge about an investment or a secret opportunity to get in on the ground floor.



...to pay with unusual methods.

They might tell you to send money using iTunes cards, gift cards, prepaid credit cards, or cryptocurrency.



Protect your
loved ones:

Report Frauds and Scams

If you have concerns about those in the business of

- Selling investments including solicitations involving foreign exchange, binary options, and crypto assets
- Insurance, mortgages or pre-arranged funeral service plans
- Door-to-door or real estate sales
- Collection agencies or payday loans

Report it!



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If you get an unexpected call or message about a

- Tax refund, prize or inheritance
- Job offer
- Virus on your computer
- Problem with your bank (or other) accounts
- Bill for something you didn't purchase
- Loved one in trouble

Or if you are worried about
identity theft...

Report it to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre

www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca

1-888-495-8501

and to the RCMP or your local police



Fraudsters can approach you in many ways



On the
phone



At your
door



In the mail



Online

If the fraud took place online
through **social media**, a **buy and sell**
marketplace, or a **dating** website,
report it directly to the
platform or website.

Did a scam come through
email or text?

**You can forward it to the
Spam Reporting Centre**

<https://fightspam.gc.ca>



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