

4 signs it's a Scam

PRETEND - PROMISE - PAY - PRESSURE

PROTECT YOURSELF:

- Don't be intimidated by high-pressure sales tactics,
- If you receive a call from or about a family member in trouble, talk to family members to confirm the situation.
- Be wary of clicking on any attachments or links,
- Make sure you have anti-virus software installed and keep your operating system up to date,
- Never give anyone remote access to your computer, If you are having problems with your system, take it to a local technician,
- Don't reveal personal information over social media,
- Create a strong password, use unique passwords,
- Always verify the organization you're dealing with is legitimate. Do your research:
 - Verify Canadian charities with the CRA or www.charitydata.ca,
 - Verify collection agencies with the provincial agency,
 - Look online for contact information for the company,
 - Verify calls with your credit card company by calling the phone number on the back of your credit card.

No legitimate company will call and claim your computer is infected with a virus.

WATCH OUT FOR:

- Urgent pleas that play on your emotions,
- Fake or deceptive ads, or spoofed emails,
Always verify the company and its services are real before you contact them,
- Urgent-looking messages that pop up while you're browsing online. Don't click on them or call the number they provide,
- Emails with spelling and formatting errors.

IF YOU THINK YOU MAY BE A VICTIM

Contact your local police service, financial institution, and credit reporting agencies.

Montague RCMP 902-853-9300

Report the scam to the Canadian Antifraud Centre
www.antifraudcentre.ca
or call 1-888-495-8501.

Contact both major credit bureaus and let them know you have been a victim of fraud:

Equifax 1-800-465-7166,
TransUnion 1-800-663-9980

If your SIN has been compromised report the fraud by contacting **Service Canada at 1-866-274-6627.**

CANADA REVENUE AGENCY FRAUDS

Confirm your tax account information through one of the CRA's digital services.

Call the CRA's Individual Tax Account Balance Automated Service at: 1-866-474-8272.

Call 1-800-959-8281 for individuals or 1-800-959-5525 for businesses to verify if the CRA contacted you.

More information on tax scams and fraud can be found at:
canada.ca/taxes-fraud-prevention

For more information on fraud and identity theft or to report it, visit: www.antifraudcentre.ca