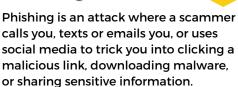
Senior Frauds and Scams

Infographic

Common Scams

Phishing Scams





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Tips on How to Protect Yourself

- Call the sender to verify legitimacy (e.g. if you receive a call from your bank, hang up and call them).
- Always be wary of links or attachments that you weren't expecting.
- Avoid sending sensitive information over email or texts.

Grandparent Scam

Grandparent scams (also called emergency scams) are common scams that target seniors. These scams usually involve a phone call from someone who pretends to be your grandchild.





- Never offer information to the caller.
- Ask the caller a few personal questions, press your caller for details.
- Never provide your credit card number over the telephone or Internet.
- Never wire money to someone under uncertain conditions.

Phone or Voicemail Scams

You receive a call or a voicemail from a criminal who is posing as a government agency or member of law enforcement.





- If you receive a call from a scammer, hang up or delete the voicemail message.
- Block the caller's phone number and report the calls to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre.

Romance Scams

If you meet someone online but have not seen them in-person, and they begin to ask you for money, it's likely a romance scam.





- If your love interest asks you to send money, be very suspicious.
- Ask them for a recent photo or do a video call.
- Fraudsters often claim they are in another part of the world as the reason for not being able to meet in-person.

For more information

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RESOURCES

Canadian Banking Association www.cba.ca

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