



Protect yourself against financial fraud

Financial fraud cases have doubled over the past decade as fraudsters use more sophisticated tools and tricks to steal money and personal information. With news of our landmark settlement now public, First Nations communities are at greater risk of being targeted, so ensuring your financial security is very important.

THERE ARE MANY DIFFERENT TYPES OF FINANCIAL FRAUD, HERE ARE SOME COMMON ONES TO KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR:



MAIL/EMAIL SCAMS

- » Unsolicited mail advising that you are either the beneficiary of funds or winner of a lottery, gift cards or some type of sweepstakes.
- » Requires the victim to pay upfront fees before money can be released.



PHISHING

- » The solicitation of personal or financial information from victims by impersonating reputable organizations such as the Canadian Revenue Agency or banks.



COMPUTER TECH SUPPORT SCAMS

- » Fraudsters claim to be from a tech company such as Apple or Microsoft saying that your computer has been hacked and they need remote access to fix it, which can expose your personal information.
- » They will also ask for credit card information to charge a fee for the repairs.



ROMANCE SCAMS

- » Romantic attention via phone, mail, in-person, or by digital means with the aim of gaining access to and exploiting personal and financial information.



WIRE TRANSFER & CHECK FRAUD

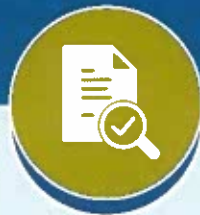
- » A unexpected wire transfer request arrives via mail/email or a check arrives in the mail with a request to a portion or all of the money back.

HERE ARE SOME TIPS TO HELP YOU BE MORE AWARE AND PROTECT YOURSELF FROM FRAUD:



VERIFY CREDENTIALS

- » Verify the credentials of individuals or organizations before sharing any personal or financial information. Legitimate entities will provide clear documentation and contact information. Be wary of unsolicited calls, emails, or messages asking for sensitive information.



REVIEW FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONSISTENTLY

- » Checking your banking and other statements for suspicious activity on a regular basis is a great way to detect fraudulent activity and protect yourself from identity theft.



BE SKEPTICAL OF HIGH-PRESSURE TACTICS OR THREATS

- » Fraudsters often employ high-pressure tactics or threats to coerce individuals into making hasty decisions. Take your time to research and evaluate any financial opportunities or investments before committing your funds.



NEVER CLICK ON ANY LINKS RECEIVED FROM SUSPICIOUS SENDERS

- » Clicking on links from suspicious senders can expose you to various cyber threats, including malware, phishing, identity theft, financial scams, and compromised security.



PROTECT YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

- » Ensure that your personal and financial information does not fall into the wrong hands. Use strong, unique passwords for online accounts, and be cautious when sharing sensitive details online or over the phone. Properly secure documents containing personal information or shred before disposing of them.



ASK FOR HELP

- » If you're unsure, ask for help! Trusted professionals, such as financial advisors, legal experts, and offices are at your disposal to help you offer valuable insights and help you verify suspicious requests.



Your First Nation Office will establish a process for collecting your personal and financial information so you can receive settlement payments. Please check their official platforms for accurate information. **Remember, if it looks suspicious or "too good to be true", then it likely is.**



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