



# SCAMS TARGETING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Protect Yourself From Losing Thousands of Dollars



# MANY STUDENTS GET SCAMMED

Many international students around the world are scammed, including two students.

Their **identity is stolen** or they **lose thousands of dollars**.



# SCAMMERS MAKE YOU KEEP IT A SECRET

They tell you that **you're in trouble** and that **you cannot speak to anyone** about your situation including your family, friends, the bank or others.



This is a lie!



# WHAT SCAMMERS ASK FOR

Scammers will OFTEN ask you:

- To send **money** to "fix" your situation
- For **personal information** such as...
  - Bank Account information
  - Birth date and name
  - Social insurance number (SIN)
  - Adress

# WHO SCAMMERS PRETEND TO BE

You may receive a **call, e-mail or text** from a scammer posing as:

- A government official
- Somebody from Canada Revenue Agency (CRA)
- A police officer
- A bank teller
- An Embassy

# WHAT THEY MAY SAY:

Many of these scammers will say that:

- You owe **outstanding fees** from an immigration application or tax audit
- You have **received money**
- Your **social insurance number (SIN)** has been **blocked or compromised**
- There is a **warrant for your arrest**
- You may **lose your visa** and be deported
- You were involved unknowingly in an **international crime**
- Somebody has **a copy of your passport** and is involved in a crime

# IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

- Don't always trust caller ID because scammers can change what name appears
- The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) never requests payment by e-transfer, online currency, bitcoin or pre-paid credit cards
- The CRA does not communicate by text
- Government officials or the police will never threaten or demand money
- Banks do not ask for personal information as they already have it on their system

# WHAT TO DO NEXT?

If you are suspicious that a call or message is from a scammer:

- **Do not give out** any personal information or send money
- **do not click on** any links or files in the message (if it's a text or e-mail)
- **Search their website or phone number** and find out if they are legitimate





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