

TAX SCAM AWARENESS TIPS

Use this guide to identify tax scams and learn how to protect yourself.

HOW DO TAX SCAMS WORK?

- A scammer contacts you claiming to be a government official and states that you have:
 1. A compromised Social Insurance Number (SIN) number
 2. Committed financial crimes
 3. Outstanding cases against you
- The scammer threatens you that if you don't speak with them immediately, you will be arrested, fined or even deported from Canada.
- The scammer then requests personal information or payments through various financial services.



HOW CAN I PROTECT MYSELF FROM TAX SCAMS?

- If you received a suspicious email relating to the CRA or tax filing, follow the [steps to identify a phishing email](#) and report it immediately to report.phishing@utoronto.ca.
- If you are concerned that you may have shared your personal information with a scammer, the CRA advises you to contact the police immediately.
- Stay aware of tax-related communications by phone, mail, text message or email. Don't give out personal information, including financial information or login credentials to unidentified personnel.
- When in doubt, always log in to your CRA account through a trusted browser or call CRA's Individual Income Tax Enquiries line at 1-800-959-8281.

Visit the [CRA scam prevention website](#) for more tips.

