Surrey RCMP

BLOCK WATCH



SCAMS & FRAUDS

Fraudsters use a variety of tactics, but their ultimate goal is the same – to take your money. Whether through sophisticated online scams or pestering phone calls, your best defense is to **Research**, **Recognize** and **Report** fraud before you hand over any cash, credit card or personal information. There are many known scams, pitches and fraud types, including variations thereof, with new ones invented daily. Below is a description of common scams and frauds, organized by the medium used to reach the potential victim.

Remember: If it seems too good to be true, it usually is.



Telemarketing
scams –
contact victims
by phone







Mail scams – carried out through use of mail

potential victims using the internet





<u>Door-to-door</u> <u>scams</u> – also referred to as solicitation Research Recognize Report

Email & Text
scams - often
referred to as
"phishing"

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manipulate
 and deceive
 consumers



For a list of current scams, or to report fraud online visit the <u>Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre</u>. Additional resources can be found at: <u>Canada Revenue Agency</u>, <u>Better Business Bureau and Surrey RCMP</u>.



