

## The Investigator Newsletter



### Top 10 Scams in Canada 2021-2022 - Part B

#### **Service**

Service scams are prevalent via social media sites such as Facebook, where someone offers immigration, air duct cleaning, cellphone service providers, etc. Sometimes scammers offer service's at a very reduced rate or lure you into providing credentials to access your devices or account.

#### **Investments**

Investment scams occur when a scammer falsely solicits victims into investment schemes such as cryptocurrency, pyramid schemes, pump-and-dump

#### **Bank Investigator**

An emerging organized crime where scammers pretend to seek your help in order to catch a bank employee who has been stealing money, or offers to help you resolve "suspicious" activity on your bank account.

#### **Spear Phishing**

Spear phishing is a type of spoofing scam. This scammer pretends to represent a legitimate business/entity to entice victims into sending them money. A high-risk spear phishing scam occurs when an employee receives an

#### **Vendor Fraud**

Vendor fraud occurs when a victim posts a personal/business ad online, to which scammers send inquiries to get your personal information for e-transfers. In such types of fraud, they offer to buy the item while located out of town and avoid payment. The victim ships the items while the payment is still pending to realize that the payment notification was spoofed.

#### **Jobs**

Scammers categorize and perform organized crime among individuals actively

on low-price stock, etc. These investment frauds either inflict malware into your system via clickable links sent to you or promise an initial rate of return, which is falsely promising.

email with directions to send a large sum to a foreign account via wire transfer.

### **Merchandise**

Scammers reach out to you via fake ads, such as event tickets at an outrageously lowered price, fake company websites, resale sites, website pop-ups, puppy scams, etc.

and desperately looking for a job. Such fraud is conducted by sending counterfeit cheques to job seekers to purchase office equipment needed for the job role.

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