

Protecting yourself from SCAMS

Scammers sometimes try to get your money, but they may also try to steal your personal information.

Did you know: Indigenous Australians reported more than 3000 scams in 2020. Reporting a scam can protect you and others.

COMMON SCAMS TARGETING INDIGENOUS AUSTRALIANS

- Dating and romance scams
- Investment scams
- Online shopping scams
- Classified scams
- Jobs & employment scams
- Identity theft
- Threats to life, arrest or other
- False billing

REMEMBER

Scammers can be very convincing and target people of all ages, income levels and ethnicities. Being scammed doesn't mean you're not smart.

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF

Don't open text messages or emails if they look suspicious – If you're unsure, you can do a Google search of the person or company that the message claims to be from and call the number you see on the website you've searched.

Take time to think and talk to friends about offers – If someone offers you a deal, don't immediately accept it. Talk it over with friends and do a bit more research.

Never send money or credit card details to people you don't know and trust.

Be aware of the scams that are circulating – You can find more information and examples of scams on the Your Rights Mob Facebook page.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU SUSPECT A SCAM

If you think you may have been scammed or have seen a scam, you can report it to the **ACCC Indigenous Info Line** on **1300 303 143**.

Sources: First Nations Foundation; ACCC; Scamwatch.