

How to Recognise a Scam

Did you know: Indigenous Australians lost more than \$4.3 million in scams in 2021.

Scammers target Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians to try and steal money and personal information. If you suspect you've seen a scam you can report it to the ACCC Indigenous Info Line on **1300 303 143**.

HOW TO SPOT THE SIGNS OF A SCAM

Scammers are getting more clever, but there are a few signs something may be a scam.

- **Someone contacts you out of the blue** – Be careful if someone knocks on your door, calls, texts or emails you when you don't expect it.
- **It sounds too good to be true** – If an offer sounds cheaper, easier or better than you've heard about, take some time to do a bit of research.
- **Someone you don't know asks you to transfer money** – This is often a sure sign of a scam, so be very careful.
- **An email or text uses the word like "urgent"** – This is a tactic scammers sometimes use to stop people from thinking through decisions.
- **An email or text with spelling errors** – This can also be a sign of a scam, as scammers can use this tactic to try and get around detection software.

You can find more information on the **Your Rights Mob** Facebook page.

Sources: First Nations Foundation; ACCC; Scamwatch.

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