



COVID-19 FRAUD



PROTECT YOURSELF, BE AWARE OF:

- Spoofed government, health care or research information
- Unsolicited calls, emails and texts giving medical advice or requesting urgent action or payment
 - If you didn't initiate contact, you don't know who you're talking to
 - Never respond or click on suspicious links and attachments
- Unauthorized or fraudulent charities requesting money for victims, products or research
 - Don't be pressured into making a donation
 - Verify that a charity is registered
- High-priced or low-quality products purchased in bulk by consumers and resold for profit
 - These items may be expired and dangerous to your health
- Questionable offers, such as miracle cures, herbal remedies, vaccinations, or faster testing
- Fake and deceptive online ads, including cleaning products, hand sanitizers, or other items in high demand

Never give out your personal or financial details without verifying the source

REPORTED SCAMS:

- Cleaning or heating companies offering duct cleaning services or air filters to protect from COVID-19
- Local and provincial hydro/electrical power companies threatening to disconnect your power for non-payment
- Center for Disease Control or the World Health Organization offering fake lists for sale of COVID-19 infected people in your area
- Financial advisors pressuring people to invest in hot new stocks or offering loans
- Public Health giving false results that you tested positive for COVID-19 and tricking you into confirming your health card and credit card numbers for a prescription
- Red Cross and other known charities offering free medical products (e.g. masks) for a donation
- Private companies selling COVID-19 tests and fraudulent products that claim to treat the disease

Information from the Rectangula
Government of Canada

Keep up on the latest health information from the **Public Health Agency of Canada** and the **World Health Organization**

Make sure you have anti-virus software installed and your operating system up to date on your computer

