



SCAMS

Scams and fraudulent activities are considered 'financial disinformation' as they are intended to deliberately mislead you by shaping behaviour in order to gain a financial benefit.

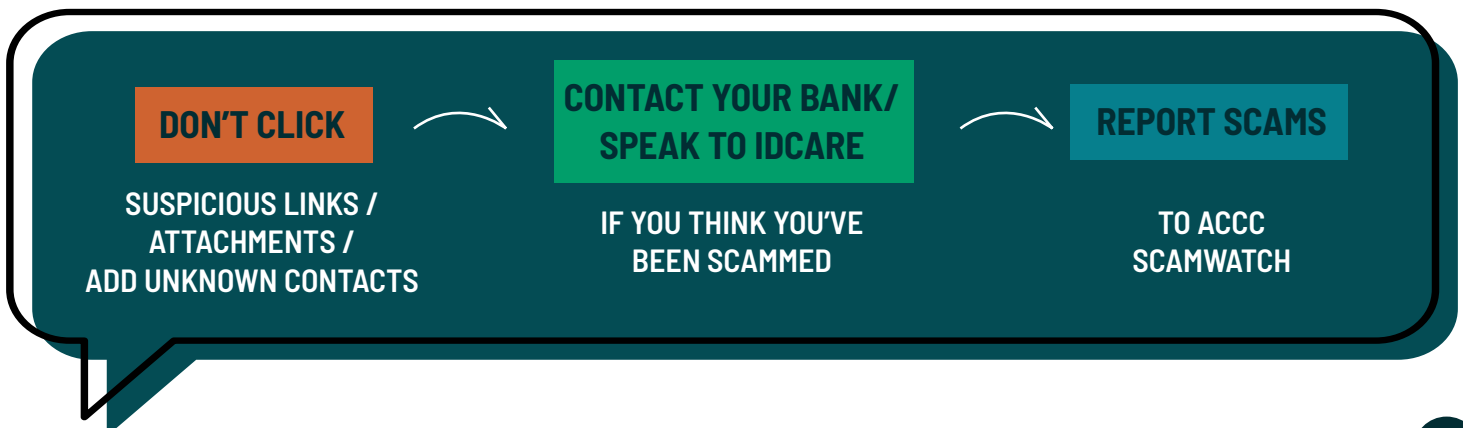
Scamwatch, run by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission, (ACCC), is an Australian Government initiative that helps consumers and small businesses to recognise, avoid and report scams.

TYPES OF SCAMS IN AUSTRALIA

 COVID-19 SCAMS	 ATTEMPTS TO GAIN PERSONAL INFORMATION
 BUYING OR SELLING	 DATING AND ROMANCE
 FAKE CHARITIES	 INVESTMENTS
 JOBS AND EMPLOYMENT	 THREATS AND EXTORTION
 UNEXPECTED MONEY	 TRAVEL, PRIZES AND LOTTERY SCAMS

HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF

Scammers are becoming more creative in their attempts to steal money or personal information. Be alert and protect yourself from being scammed by following the tips below.



HOW TO REPORT SCAMS

Members of the community are encouraged to reports scams to Scamwatch and other appropriate authorities (listed below). If you have sent money or shared banking details with a scammer, it is important to contact your bank as soon as possible.

ACCC SCAMWATCH REPORT A SCAM

www.scamwatch.gov.au

AUSTRALIAN TAX OFFICE REPORT A TAX SCAM

www.ato.gov.au

AUSTRALIAN CYBER SECURITY CENTRE REPORT A CYBER FRAUD

www.cyber.gov.au

AUSTRALIAN SECURITIES & INVESTMENT COMMISSION REPORT FINANCIAL SCAMS

www.asic.gov.au

SERVICES AUSTRALIA REPORT CENTRELINK, MEDICARE AND MYGOV SCAMS

call [1800 941 126](tel:1800941126)

LOCAL POLICE REPORT THREATS, FRAUD AND THEFT TO YOUR LOCAL POLICE

call [131 444](tel:131444)

IDCARE (A FREE GOVERNMENT-FUNDED SERVICE) CONTACT FOR SCAM SUPPORT AND A SPECIFIC RESPONSE PLAN TO YOUR SITUATION

www.idcare.org or call [1800 595 160](tel:1800595160)

WHERE TO FIND MORE INFORMATION

SCAMWATCH

Find out more about scams and how to protect yourself in key translated languages, including: Arabic, Chinese (Simplified and Traditional), Dari, Farsi, Hindi, Indonesian, and Vietnamese.

Alternatively, you can **sign up** to Scamwatch to receive emails about the latest scams direct to your inbox.

[www.scamwatch.gov.au/about-scamwatch/
tools-resources/in-your-language](http://www.scamwatch.gov.au/about-scamwatch/tools-resources/in-your-language)

LITTLE BLACK BOOK OF SCAMS

A tool to learn about scams including the most common scams to watch out for, different ways scammers can contact you, the tools scammers use, and the warning signs.

[www.accc.gov.au/publications/
the-little-black-book-of-scams](http://www.accc.gov.au/publications/the-little-black-book-of-scams)