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Learn how to identify common telephone scams

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Hi ,

Almost all of us have received a phone call, often during dinner, from someone claiming to want to talk to us about our credit cards, tax debts or some charity they represent. Many of these calls are phone scams.

Recently we heard from an elderly client about a call she received from a fake CRA representative claiming she owed back taxes. What concerned her even more was the apparent personal information they mentioned, including the fact that she had filed bankruptcy.

Scammers sometimes use random dialers to contact households, however often their calls come from pre-sold phone lists. Using this information, they search the web and social media for more knowledge about you before they call. The objective is to make themselves appear more legitimate.

Beware these recent phone scams:

- Fake CRA demands for immediate payment
- Calls from fake fundraisers and charities
- Tech support scams

Read more about how scammers scrape your personal information and what to do if you receive a call by reading our blog post [Scammers May Mention Personal Information to Look Legit](#).

### Tips To Protect Your Identity

For more on how to protect your personal information from scammers, listen to our podcast with guest Kelley Keehn.

**Debt Free in 30 - Tips to Protect Yourself from Identify Theft and Fraud**



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