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Canada Revenue Agency Scam Still Targeting Citizens



Police are again warning citizens of a scam involving fraudulent emails and phone calls purporting to be from the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).

The Financial Crime Unit of the Integrated Criminal Investigation

Division has been made aware of numerous reports from citizens who have been contacted by a suspect claiming to be from the CRA. The suspect asks for personal information, says that they owe the CRA a sum of money, or tries to get them to purchase pre-paid credit cards. In some cases, the suspect threatens the victim with potential jail time or deportation, and uses aggressive and forceful language.

These emails and phone calls are not legitimate. If you receive such a call, hang up. More information on the scam is available from the CRA website:

<http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/scrty/frdprvntn/menu-eng.html>.

Investigators remind citizens to be wary of any calls or emails asking for money and to make sure the situation is legitimate before sending money or making a donation. You should also refrain from providing personal information, whether the solicitation occurs by telephone, email or in person, unless you have initiated the contact or you are certain of the identification of the person and the legitimacy of the organization they claim to represent. Providing personal information such as your Social Insurance Number (SIN) and date of birth could lead to identity theft.

If you've lost money or provided personal information as a result of any scam, please report the matter to your local police by calling 902-490-5020. There is no need to call police to report that you've been contacted in relation to this scam if you're not a victim.

Child Passenger Safety

Police is reminding motorists to secure child passengers into vehicles by correctly using the proper car seat, booster seat, and seat belts. Some of the most common car seat and booster seat mistakes fall into three categories: choosing the right seat, installing it correctly and properly securing the harness.



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Choose the right seat for your child's age, weight and height

- Babies must ride in a rear-facing car seat until they are a minimum of 22 pounds (10 kg) and until they are at least one year old.
- Children between 22 pounds (10 kg) and 40 pounds (18 kg) must continue to ride in a car seat with a five-point harness. They are safest riding rear-facing until they outgrow the height and weight limits of the seat.
- Children must be a minimum of 40 pounds (18 kg) in order to ride in a booster seat, and should have the maturity to sit correctly. They must remain in a booster seat until they are a minimum of 4-feet-9-inches (145 cm), a minimum of 9 years old, and the seat belt fits correctly.

Install the seat correctly

- Tightly secure the seat to the vehicle. It should move less than one inch where attached.
- Always use the top tether strap with a forward-facing seat.

Properly secure the harness

- Secure the harness tight enough that you are unable to pinch the straps at the shoulder.
- Position the chest clip at armpit level, and position the straps in the slot that is level with or below your child's shoulders when rear facing, and with or above your child's shoulders when forward facing.

If you have questions about child seats or booster seats, or need clarification on how or when you must use them, visit IWK's Child Safety Link

<http://childsafetylink.ca/child-passenger-safety/>.

HRFE Urges Motorists To Think Before You Park



Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency (HRFE) is urging motorists to obey all no-

parking signage in front of or near fire stations.

Over the past few months, HRFE personnel have noticed an increase in the number of vehicles parked so close to the front doors of fire stations that if an emergency was to occur, their apparatus might be prevented from responding in a timely manner. It is important to consider that many fire trucks aren't as nimble as normal vehicles at maneuvering around sharp corners or obstacles. As a rule, motorists should always consider if they could be blocking the natural path for an emergency vehicle. If the answer is 'yes' or 'maybe', then drivers should consider an alternative parking spot.

Every second counts when firefighters are asked to respond to an emergency. Blocking or impeding the path of an emergency vehicle can have devastating results. Please remember this before parking near a fire station. Motorists are reminded it is an offence to park or stop within five metres (16.5-feet) of a fire station driveway. A violation of this section of the Motor Vehicle Act could result in a vehicle being ticketed/towed and a maximum fine on a first offence of \$61.60.



Open 7 days a week from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm Monday to Friday and 9:00 am to 5:30 pm Saturday and Sunday (closed Christmas Day & New Year's Day)



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Spaying and Neutering of Cats Grant Program



Regional Council made the decision to continue the 2016 Feral Cat Trap-Neuter-Return Project and to provide

funding for the next five years, commencing April 1, 2017, in order to continue the effective partnership that have developed between the Nova Scotia SPCA, The Spay Day HRM Society, and HRM. Furthermore, Council directed that any additional funds be subject to annual budget considerations.

Transit Priority Corridors – Bayers Road



Halifax Transit is looking for ways to improve the movement of buses on Bayers Road

to make transit service faster and more reliable. Join the conversation and provide your input by completing the survey http://www.shapeyourcityhalifax.ca/transit-priority-corridors/survey_tools/transit-priority-corridors-bayers-road

MOBILE FOOD MARKET

The upcoming markets will be held on Saturdays from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm at Titus Smith Park on the following dates: October 7th and October 21st.

For more information please visit their website at <http://www.mobilefoodmarket.ca/>

Neighbourhood Placemaking



Neighbourhood Placemaking provides guidance and support to community members interested in

hosting a project in their neighbourhood. This could be painting an intersection, building of benches for a local gathering place, planting a community garden, or any idea that brings together community members to create public art that activates shared public spaces to create a sense of place and build a sense of community.

This is a great opportunity for the community to work together to make a place special. Municipal staff provides support to seek necessary approvals and work collaboratively with community members to design accessible, creative, and successful project plans.

Would you like your neighbourhood to be next? Download the [Neighbourhood Placemaking Application and Toolkit \[PDF\]](#) for detailed instructions on the 13-step process to host your own placemaking event.



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Applications are due by **October 30** for neighbourhoods wishing to create a project the following summer.

Volunteering on Municipal Boards and Committees

Volunteering on municipal boards and committees is important—are you interested? [Apply online](#) to serve on a board or committee in [5 easy steps](#) [PDF]:

Read descriptions of the [current volunteer opportunities](#). The deadline for applications is

Friday October 20, 2017.

Learn more by attending an information session:

Thursday October 12, 2017

6:30 p.m.

Halifax Central Library

Lindsay Children's Room, 2nd floor

[5440 Spring Garden Road, Halifax](#)

Seniors and Persons with Disabilities Snow Removal Program



HRM is providing approximately \$400,000 in funding this winter season to support the YMCA in

delivering its Snow Removal Program for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities.

The snow removal program is available to seniors (65 years of age or older) and persons with disabilities in the Halifax region who also meet criteria. The program applies to residential

properties only and offers assistance to clear snow from front and back steps, walkways, ramps and access to fuel tanks. The program **does not** apply to the clearing of driveways.

Participants must reside in a single dwelling home which is owned or rented and the total gross household income of all people living on the premises must not exceed \$32,000.

The program is NOT available to landlords and operates on a first-come, first-served basis. Registration will close once maximum capacity has been reached. All remaining applicants will be placed on a wait list. Please note that the YMCA only considers applications which include proper documentation.

To find out more about this program and how to apply, please call the YMCA at 902.483.3678 or visit the [YMCA online](#).

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