What if you've been scammed?

It can be hard to accept that you've fallen victim to a scam or fraud scheme. However, it is important to remember that scams and cyber crimes can happen to anyone, anywhere, at any time. You're the victim so don't blame yourself for what has happened.

IF YOU ARE, OR THINK YOU MAY BE, A VICTIM OF FRAUD OR A SCAM, HERE ARE SOME STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM FURTHER LOSS:



END ALL COMMUNICATION

Scammers often target victims of fraud a second or even third time with the promise of recovering money; do not engage even if they use threats or coercion.



SECURE YOUR ACCOUNTS AND PERSONAL INFORMATION

» Update passwords and security protection for online banking, social media and computer profiles. Use multifactor authentication where possible.



REPORT THE FRAUD

» Notify your band council, local police, bank, and social security office. Also, contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre.



EDUCATE AND SHARE

Share your experience with family, friends, and community members to prevent others from falling victim.



SEEK SUPPORT

Falling victim to fraud can be a traumatic experience, talk to someone you trust or reach out to community support services for emotional assistance. Consider seeking legal advice if you need help navigating the aftermath of the scam.



Protect yourself.



Protect your community.



Stay informed.



Stay vigilant.



Stay connected.

