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Red Deer RCMP warn public about bank text message scam

Red Deer RCMP has received multiple calls in the last few days reporting a suspicious text message with the “Scotia Bank” as the sender.

Red Deer RCMP are warning the public that another scam has emerged: a “bank alert text message scam.” In this scam, you may receive a text message that appears to be an alert from a bank which you may or may not have an account with. The text message advises you that your account has been disabled, deactivated, frozen or on hold, and requires you to respond to a link in order to reactivate your account. The text message does not come from a phone number but rather appears to come directly from the bank by using the bank name. There is a link at the end of the message. This link takes you to what appears to be legit webpage posing as your actual bank. This scam is an attempt to gain access to your banking information and remove funds from your accounts.

RCMP are asking anyone who has information about this or other frauds and scams to contact Red Deer RCMP at 403.343.5575. If you wish to remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers at 1.800.222.8477 or report it online at www.tipsubmit.com.

Learn more about how to recognize and avoid fraud: www.antifraudcentre.ca.