

Innisfail RCMP warn residents of phone scams

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Innisfail RCMP are advising residents of a reoccurring phone scam that has come to their attention targeting local residents.

In this scam, suspects contact potential victims by phone, claiming to be an employee from stars lottery. Victims are told they have won a "prize" from STARS lottery and are asked to make a payment to claim their prize. Police would like to remind the public that this is a scam and that if you have won something you should never have to pay any money to get your prize.

- If you receive such a call, please do not provide personal information, or make payments or transfer money as this is a scam.
- If you are a victim and have NOT lost money, hang up the phone immediately and call the Canadian Anti-fraud Centre 1-888-495-8501.
- If you receive a suspicious e-mail soliciting your financial information, advise the bank/agency involved
- If you are a VICTIM OF FRAUD (ie, have lost money), contact your local police, and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre

For more information on scams contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre online at www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca or toll free at 1-888-495-8501. If you believe you may be the victim of fraud or have given personal or financial information unwittingly, contact the Innisfail RCMP at 403-227-3342 or call your local police.

If you have information about this, or any other crime(s), and you want to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers by phone at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), by internet at www.tipsubmit.com/, or by SMS (check your local Crime Stoppers [www.crimestoppers.ab.ca/] for instructions on how to do it.) You do not have to reveal your identity to Crime Stoppers, and if you provide information to Crime Stoppers that leads to an arrest(s), the recovery of stolen property, and/or a seizure of illicit drugs, you may be eligible for a cash reward.