

Financial scam awareness

Financial scams are a growing challenge in our digital world, and they are essentially deceptive tricks used by criminals to steal your money or your personal information. These scammers often pose as people or organisations you trust, such as your bank, the tax office, or even a friend in need, to manipulate you into making a mistake. Being aware of how these scams work is your best form of protection; when you know the common tactics used to deceive people, you can spot the warning signs early and keep your hard-earned savings safe.

There is no shortage of brilliant information out there to help you become a scam-spotting expert. In fact, many organisations dedicate themselves to tracking the latest trends in digital fraud. There are many sites with valuable information you can deep dive on scams in, which will give you the confidence to navigate the internet without fear.

To get you started, take a look at [this article on online scams](#) by eSafety.

Where to find more information

While the [eSafety website](#) is a fantastic beginning, you might want to explore these other trusted Australian resources to build your knowledge:

- [Good Things website](#): Our website is a hub for anyone looking to build digital inclusion in their community, offering plenty of support, research, and resources to help you reach and teach people who might otherwise be left behind.
- [Be Connected website](#): This is a comprehensive Australian Government initiative specifically designed to help people increase their online confidence. It features a massive library of free, easy to follow courses on everything from using a mouse to advanced security settings, making it the perfect "go-to" resource for both mentors and learners.
- [Scamwatch \(ACCC\)](#): This is the main hub for scam information in Australia. It provides up-to-the-minute alerts on new scams doing the rounds and allows you to report any suspicious activity you encounter.

- **[The Australian Cyber Security Centre \(ACSC\)](#)**: This government site offers practical advice on the technical side of staying safe, including how to secure your accounts after you think you have been targeted.
- **Your Bank's Security Page**: Almost every major Australian bank has a dedicated section on their website or app showing real-life examples of "phishing" texts and emails that their customers are currently receiving.