

## **“CRA” Scam**

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The Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) warns all taxpayers to beware of telephone calls or emails that claim to be from the CRA but are **NOT**. These are phishing and other fraudulent scams that could result in identity and financial theft.

I have received at least one email from an Area Coordinator to advise me of a case in London where a person's bank account was emptied.

Do not give personal, credit card or SIN information by email or over the telephone unless you completely trust the organization/person to whom you are talking.

### **The CRA:**

NEVER requests information from a taxpayer about a passport, health card, or driver's license.

NEVER divulges taxpayer information to another person unless formal authorization is provided by the taxpayer.

NEVER leaves any personal information on an answering machine or asks taxpayers to leave a message with their personal information on an answering machine.

### **When in doubt, ask yourself the following:**

Am I expecting additional money from the CRA?

Does this sound too good to be true?

Is the requester asking for information I would not include with my tax return?

Is the requester asking for information I know the CRA already has on file for me?

How did the requester get my email address or telephone number?

Am I confident I know who is asking for the information?

Is there a reason that the CRA may be calling? Do I have a tax balance outstanding?

For more information, go to: <http://www.cra-arc.gc.ca/nwsrm/lrts/2014/l140307-eng.html>