

How to prevent falling victim to online scams

Many people in Ontario find themselves becoming victim to online scams.

Messages being sent to your computer or devices that looks familiar and has an attachment to click on, could compromise what you have stored within your system.

OPP would like to remind people to take steps to secure their computers and device.

? Change the password every 90 days with a non-personal one, that has upper and lower case, and numbers.

? Never use a common password for different social media sites.

? Make sure the latest anti-virus is installed.

? When searching internet sites, make sure the site looks legitimate.

? Use cell phones numbers as a link to be notified of any changes to accounts.

? Use cloud settings and implement multiple passwords for each one.

? If it looks like a computer has been compromised, consider that everything on it has been copied. Immediately change all of the passwords, including banking and credit card sites.

Problems like identity theft are becoming more prevalent and now more than ever, the public needs to ensure that they secure and protect their personal information.

This fact is a key component to prevention.

For more information on fraud, call the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501 or online at www.antifraudcentre.ca