

Warning from RCMP ? Residents beware of telephone scam

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) in Ontario is issuing a public notice with respect to fraudulent telephone calls. Several residents in Ontario have reported receiving a telephone call from a person who claimed that they were from the RCMP Integrated Technological Crime Unit (ITCU). The calls varied in nature; in one case the caller stated that the ITCU had found that the resident was sending malicious content through their computer. In another case, the caller claimed that international criminals had accessed their computer and were using it for criminal activity.

These types of telephone scams are designed to create such shock and anxiety that victims respond by sending money quickly in order to fix the problem or protect themselves from unwanted access.

Be aware: RCMP does not contact individuals for the purpose of collecting fines or taxes and never asks the general public to allow RCMP access to their computers.

If you have received similar telephone calls or know of someone who has, contact your local police and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501.