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TAX SCAM ALERT

Saskatchewan Police Agencies would like to warn the public about a scam appearing in e-mail boxes throughout the Province. Tax season is upon us and people are receiving e-mails advising them they are eligible to receive a refund from Canadian Revenue Agency (CRA) . They have to click on the attached form or other links within the body of the email. The form requests personal information such as name, Social Insurance Number(SIN) and date of birth be provided so you can receive a refund. The link appears legitimate as they have copied information from the actual CRA website. Canada Revenue Agency will never request personal information of any kind from a taxpayer by email.

In many instances like this, once obtained, the information is being used to commit Identity Fraud/Theft. You should never respond to pop ups requesting personal information, username or passwords. If a pop up appears on your computer screen, close it and go to the company's "Help" link and send an e-mail to advise the company what happened. Also, if you receive an e-mail which seems to be from a legitimate company asking you to click on a link and respond, do not use the link. Call the company directly or type their internet address in your browser to access their website. Their website may say they are requesting information from users. You can also send them an e-mail to inquire about the legitimacy of the request for information. Fraud Alerts may also appear on their website.

During Fraud Awareness Month, information regarding five specific trends happening in Saskatchewan are available on the Saskatchewan Chief of Police website www.sacp.ca/fraudawareness/ . The information and links to resources available on the website will assist consumers in protecting themselves against fraud.

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