



Fraud ALERT-Fake Payday Loan Debt Collection - Telephone Scams

The Guelph Police Service Fraud Unit wishes to remind citizens to be watchful about what information they provide to incoming telephone calls - both live people & automated recordings. It is important to keep in mind that there are numerous scams out there that attempt to gain personal information through "telemarketing".

Fake Payday Loan Debt Collection - they scammers call customers and purport to be collectors for payday loans such as Payday Loan, Insta Cash or Quick Cash and threaten legal action unless the victims authorize payments from their accounts.

The scammers are very aggressive, rude, and threaten that you will have to appear in court and that you will be charged criminally and may be arrested if they do not pay or give personal banking information - these are not legitimate collection agencies.

The Fraud Unit recommends you take all necessary steps to verify who you are talking to. If you are not comfortable discussing personal matters over the phone - indicate that and hang up.

You can always call back the business contacting you by looking up their phone number from a trusted source - or going in to the business in person to discuss things. Remain vigilant about providing personal information to anyone.

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