



CANADIAN ANTI-FRAUD CENTRE BULLETIN

Top 10 Frauds in 2025

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FRAUD: RECOGNIZE, REJECT, REPORT

In 2025, the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) received over 112,000 fraud reports involving more than \$704 million in reported losses.

The following are the top 10 frauds based on the frequency of reporting in 2025:

Fraud Type	Reports	Victims	Dollar Loss
Identity Fraud¹	8,403	8,403	N/A
Investments	4,409	3,867	\$351M
Service	3,393	2,444	\$19.5M
Personal Info²	3,016	2,109	N/A
Phishing³	2,869	467	N/A
Extortion	2,767	835	\$23M
Merchandise	2,596	2,222	\$11.7M
Fraud Investigator	2,167	1,137	\$28.3M
Job	2,148	1,726	\$50.6M
Relationship	1,093	933	\$63.3M

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Prize	403	151	\$5.7M

¹⁻³ Frauds soliciting personal information, and phishing do not involve financial losses and the majority of people who are victims of identity fraud are not responsible for the fraud losses.

⁴ It is estimated that 5% - 10% of victims file a fraud report with the CAFC.



Tips to Protect Yourself

- Create strong passwords for each of your accounts.
- Setup multi-factor authentication to make it more difficult for someone else to access your accounts.
- Never share your multi-factor authentication code with anyone.
- Update the privacy settings attached to your social network accounts.
- Be familiar with the terms of service and how payment methods work before using them. Look for a fraud protection policy.
- Never, under any circumstances, accept money and send money to a third party. You may be participating in money laundering which is a criminal offence.
- Avoid reacting automatically. Take five minutes to ask additional questions and listen to your instincts. If something doesn't seem right, ask someone else you trust about it.
- Do not trust the information on your call display because it can easily be manipulated.
- Do not provide your personal or financial information on demand.
- Do not open an attachment or click a link in an unsolicited email or text message.
- If you've been a victim of fraud in the past, there is a very good chance you will be targeted again.
- Learn [more tips and tricks for protecting yourself](#).

Anyone who suspects they have been the target of cybercrime or fraud should report it to their local police. Also visit the [Report Cybercrime and Fraud](#) website to report online or by phone at 1-888-495-8501.