



# Tax Time Scams



## TO AVOID THIS EOFY

Staying informed is key to avoiding tax scams.

Tax time is when scammers increase their activities.

Here are a few scams to avoid this end of financial year.



### Too Good to be True Scams:

Scammers may send emails advertising sales or incentives that are too good to be true. There is usually a time limit to encourage you to act or click on a link.

Don't click on any links or provide personal information if it looks too good to be true. Check the ATO website for the most up to date information on scams.



### Smishing Scams:

Scammers send text messages or SMS that appear to be from the Australian Taxation Office (ATO).

They ask you to click on a link or resubmit your tax return due to an error.

Don't click on any links or provide personal information.

### Disaster Payment Scams:

Scammers may pretend to be from the ATO, offering disaster payments or loans. The ATO does not administer government disaster payments and loans.

If you receive such an offer, do not provide any personal information and report it to the ATO.

### Vishing Scams:

Scammers may impersonate ATO representatives and call you, delivering a pre-recorded message or a live person telling you that you will be arrested or need to pay a debt immediately.

The ATO does not make threatening phone calls. Call the ATO on their official number to report the scam.

**SPOT THE PHISHY SIGNS**



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