

SCAMS

TARGET YOU

PROTECT YOURSELF

PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY



Almost everyone will be the target of a scam at some time—you may have been already. Some scams are easy to spot while others can happen without you even knowing it.

YOU CAN PROTECT YOURSELF

Never give out your personal information to someone you don't know or trust.

Don't just bin it—destroy it (old bills, records or expired cards).

Check your credit report at least once a year.

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PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY

Treat your personal details like you would treat money. Don't leave them lying around for others to take.

Only give out your personal details and information if you have initiated the contact and trust the other party.

Destroy personal information—don't just throw it out. You should cut up, burn or shred old bills, account statements or cards so scammers cannot get hold of your personal details.

Order a free copy of your credit report at least once a year to make sure no-one is using your name to borrow money or run up debts.

You can get a copy of your credit report from a credit reporting agency. There are two main national credit reporting agencies in New Zealand: Baycorp Advantage and Dun and Bradstreet.

When you get your credit card and bank statements check them carefully for any unauthorised transactions.

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