

# Tax Time Scams To Avoid

Staying informed is the key to avoiding tax scams.



## 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 or sense of curiosity to encourage you to act or click on a link. An example of this may look like **“Click to claim your tax refund.”**

## Charity Donation Scams:

Fraudsters set up **fake charities** or misrepresent genuine ones to exploit taxpayers' generosity. They solicit donations and provide fake receipts to claim tax deductions.

Ensure charities are legitimate before providing funds or personal information.

## Investment Scams

Investment scams are fraudulent schemes that promise unusually high returns. **They are designed to deceive investors.**

Scams are prevalent before the end of financial year as people are pressured into thinking it's time sensitive for tax purposes.

## Smishing or Vishing:

Scammers may call or send text messages that **appear to be from someone else**.

An example of this is a phone call demanding funds or a text asking you to confirm details for your return. Always call the organisation on their official number to verify them.

## Identity Theft:

Criminals may use stolen personal information to **fraudulently lodge tax returns or claim refunds**.

Keep your identity and personal information safe and secure by securing your post, protecting your passwords, enabling MFA (Multi-Factor Authentication) and practicing secure communication when dealing with sensitive topics.

