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ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE

Be aware of fraudulent callers

Scam Targeting Chinese
nationals in Canada



Royal Canadian Mounted Police
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Canada



The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) is alerting Chinese nationals studying in Canada about fraudulent callers claiming to be Chinese government officials in an effort to extort money from the students and their families.

About the RCMP

The RCMP is Canada's national police service, and acts as the police of jurisdiction for many towns and cities across Canada.

How does it work?

Victims receive unsolicited phone calls with an automated voice message claiming to come from the Chinese Consulate.

Victims are often told they have been implicated in a crime in China, or that a package has been intercepted or a document has not been collected. To obtain further information, victims are prompted to press a number to speak with an official at the consulate. Victims are then transferred to suspects who purport to be a police officer or prosecutor with the Chinese government. The suspects will provide false documents to authenticate their positions to the victims as authority figures in the Chinese government.

The suspects will then demand personal information from the victim and work to convince them to wire or transfer money to bank accounts overseas. Victims have also been requested to convert currency into bitcoins and transfer them to the suspects.

The suspects coerce the victims into believing that if they don't cooperate, their family assets will be seized and/or their families imprisoned. Victims are instructed to avoid the Canadian police, including the RCMP and told to isolate themselves and cease all communications with family and friends. Victims are also often asked to take photographs to portray themselves as kidnap victims. These photographs are used to extort money from their families in China.

Once the victims are isolated, the suspects will contact the family in Mainland China and use the photographs obtained from the victim to convince their family they have been kidnapped and demand ransom for their return.

If it happens to you

DO NOT COMPLY with demands or give out personal information over the phone.

HANG UP and report the incident to the local police.

CALL 9-1-1 in an emergency.

How to Protect Yourself

TALK to your friends and family about this scam.

Ensure you have a secure method to communicate with your family.



RCMP officer



Remember

Chinese consulates, embassies or government officials will NEVER ask you to wire money overseas or to portray yourself as a kidnapping victim.

Contact Us

Emergency: 9-1-1

Non-Emergency: your local police or RCMP detachment
rcmp.gc.ca/detach/en

Website: rcmp.gc.ca
(English and French)



What to do if you receive a call



Do not comply with the caller's demands.



Hang up the phone and report the incident to your local police.



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Warn your loved ones about this elaborate fraud.



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The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) are alerting Chinese nationals studying in Canada to fraudulent callers, claiming to be Chinese government officials in an effort to get money from victims and their families.

This scam, known as virtual kidnapping, tricks your family members into believing you have been kidnapped and may be harmed if your family does not provide a ransom. To make this believable, fraudsters will order you to not answer your phone or make contact with family or friends. You may be asked to take photos of yourself to provide to the fraudster.

Victims will be told that they are wanted for a crime in China and warned to avoid the Canadian police, who will arrest them if located.

Canadian police do not operate in this manner and are here to assist all visitors to Canada.



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