# Tax Time Scams 2024

#### Evolving Tax Time Scams and How To Stay Safe



# Scam Emails

# Scam emails used to be predictable.

They hit your inbox during Christmas for parcel delivery scams and tax time for tax scams.

## **Increasing Frequency**

Today, scam texts, emails and phone calls about parcel deliveries and tax scams are more frequent.

### Can You Identify a Scam?

A recent publication found one in three Australians cannot identify a tax scam!

# **New Tactics**

Ignoring messages from the ATO is not a solution as scammers now submit fraudulent tax returns under victims names.

Current information shows threat actors hijacking accounts to file fake tax returns and redirect the funds to themselves.

# Year Round Tax Scams

#### Tax scams are no longer limited to July through October.

They can occur year round!

### Increase in Scams

The ATO's Scam Data page shows tax scams have increased by over 30% from May 2023 to May 2024.

And it is not even tax time yet!

# **Check Activity**

#### Safeguard your accounts by regularly checking for any suspicious activity and contacting the ATO through official channels.

# And never click on links in text messages or emails!

## Go To The Source

Always go directly to the source, such as the ATO's website by typing it directly in your web browser.

Don't go there via a link in an email or a text message!



# Want More Information?

For more details on how to protect yourself from online scams, visit our insights page!

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