



GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO



**FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE UNIT**  
MINISTRY OF FINANCE


**FIU ISSUES SCAM ALERT!!**


The Financial Intelligence Unit of Trinidad and Tobago alerts the public of a continuing trend in 'scams' initiated primarily through the Internet. Scam techniques change constantly but retain one common feature – victims are led to believe that they have a chance to obtain a large financial benefit in return for a small up-front payment.


Some scams observed involve **FAKE lottery winnings, conferences, inherited wealth, business opportunities, internet romances, work permit assistance and job offers.**


Citizens of Trinidad and Tobago including senior citizens have fallen victims to these scams and have lost considerable sums.

**S.T.O.P...!!**

 **STOP SENDING** funds to persons you **DO NOT KNOW.**

 **STOP TRANSFERRING** your 'hard earned funds' to persons you **DO NOT KNOW** located in countries abroad based on an email, a letter, a text message, a telephone call or social media contact.

 Do not **OFFER** or give your bank account details to persons you do not know. This could be an attempt to use your account for illegal purposes.

 **P**REVENT Money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism. **SAY NO** to persons promising 'free' money. It could be an attempt to steal your money, or to **use you** to launder money by **FRAUD** or **TRICKERY!!**

**BE WISE....S.T.O.P!!**

Anyone who is aware of fraudulent scams should report it immediately to:

- ❖ The Trinidad and Tobago Police Service, Fraud Squad at **Telephone:** 1(868) 625-2310; 1(868) 623-2644 and 1 (868)652-8594 or **Email:** [fraud@tpps.gov.tt](mailto:fraud@tpps.gov.tt).

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