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Scam

Watch!



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If it seems too good to be true, then it probably is.

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If it offers to make you money fast, then it probably won't.

[betting schemes](#)

If it says you've won a prize for a competition you never even entered, you're more likely to be a loser than a winner!

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Below is a list of scams known to be circulating in New Zealand at the moment. These are known rip-offs and should be avoided. Some unregulated investment schemes are also listed.



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If you suspect a scam, and it's not on this list, use the links down the left hand side for tips on what a scam looks like and how to avoid getting ripped off.

Tip: if you suspect a scam not listed on this site. We are not an enforcement agency and may not respond directly. But we can use your information to keep this site up-to-date and warn others.

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Pyramid schemes

- Barclays System
- Black Magic 95
- Cash Club
- Charity Bond
- David Stein scheme
- David Stevenson scheme
- Delta Direct Direct Mail Network
- Downline Building Group
- Edward L Green (there are also a number of "clones" of this scheme)
- Envelope Stuffing
- Equitynet
- Five Dollar Gimnick (Buzzard Holdings Ltd)
- Fortuna Alliance
- Global Gold Marketing
- Global Interactive Investment Club
- Homelend (also known as Homenet)
- Grove Marketing
- Joker 88
- Liberty Group
- Mail Order 2000 (an envelope stuffing scheme)
- Maximus Intermediaries Limited
- New Inc
- Perpetual Income Trust/Lifetime IncomeTrust
- Pony Express
- Quantum
- Rapido
- Star International
- Telecard
- Toward Ultimate Financial Freedom Programme (TUFF)
- Trans- Global Investments
- Universal
- Vanilla Gold Accumulation Plan
- Vera Corp
- Worldwide Wealth Creators Scheme
- \$7,000 in two weeks scheme
- \$50,000 scheme



Pro forma invoicing

Companies and individuals that have been fined for breaching the Fair Trading Act are:

- Debson Holdings Ltd, trading as D&H Publishing and Debson Publishing
- Pana Publishing Ltd
- PKL Publishing
- Summit Publishing Ltd, trading as SPL Publishing
- Zennith Publishing Ltd
- Mr Ashley Guy Rhodes
- Mr Peter Dey.

The Ministry is also aware if an overseas-based pro forma invoicing scheme called International Business or Fax Directory (based in Switzerland). If you receive an invoice from this company, we suggest you do not pay.



Lotteries and prize scams

BigLotto.com (internet site) ▪ Canadian Equity Fund ▪ Cash Bonanza ▪ Eva du Maurier (horoscope) ▪ Fabulous Fortune ▪ Global Processing Centre ▪ Health Matters ▪ IMF (International Monetary Funding) ▪ ISO Awards ▪ International Direct Inc ▪ Instant Wealth ▪ International Merchandise Centre ▪ International Riches ▪ Leeds and Winthrop ▪ Money Madness ▪ Money Mania ▪ Park Avenue Prizes ▪ Pot of Gold ▪ Prize Claim Services ▪ Queen's Fortune ▪ Royal Riches ▪ SMJ Distribution Inc ▪ Transworld Lottery Commission ▪ United Equity Fund ▪ World Currency Transfer Reserve.

NOTE: Many of the above scams are run by the same company or from the same addresses. Be wary of any offers from Consumer Direct Marketing Ltd; or from PO Box 58 008 Vancouver, B C, Canada; or from PO Box 94 310, Richmond, B C, Canada; or from 7680 River Road, Richmond, B C, Canada.



Unregulated investment schemes

▪ Enterprise Solutions 2000 (betting scheme) ▪ Imperial Consolidated Securities ▪ IMI Pacific and Walakuhai Pacific ("prime bank schemes") ▪ Investors International.



Miscellaneous

Y2K Scam

The Ministry is aware of bogus bank representatives contacting bank customers advising that there are difficulties meeting Y2K compliance needs and that customers need to transfer their accounts to another account specifically designed to protect their funds.

For the purposes of establishing customer authenticity, customers are requested to provide personal information, including back account numbers and verbal authority to transfer funds.

DO NOT give your bank account details over the phone. Any advice from your bank regarding Y2K issues will be sent to you in writing on official bank letterhead.

GIFT (Given in Freedom Trust)

Based in the West Indies, this referral scheme requires you to sign up three people to receive interest from a trust, they in turn must sign up three people, and so on until 12 levels are filled. 804,406 people would need to sign up following your referral for you to receive the amount of money promised!

Avoid being scammed!

If you're approached with an offer that seems too good to be true:

DONT



- get sucked in by the hype - take time to think about it and to check out the offer and the company