SCAMS
TARGET YOU
PROTECT YOURSELF

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Almost everyone will be the target of a scam at some time—you may have been already. Some scams are easy to spot while others can happen without you even knowing it.

YOU CAN PROTECT YOURSELF

Keep your protection software up to date.

Don't respond in any way to unsolicited emails.

If in doubt, delete.

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PROTECT YOUR COMPUTER

Install security software that protects your computer from viruses and other malicious programs.

Use a 'firewall' to protect your computer from intruders.

Make sure all your software is kept up to date, including web browser applications.

Enable the 'auto update' function in e-security and other software.

Do not open suspicious or unsolicited emails (spam). Delete them.

Do not click on any links in a spam email or open any files attached to them. Clicking on links may install harmful programs without you knowing.

Never reply to a spam email.

Never call a telephone number that you see in a spam email.

Be wary of unexpected 'pop-up' boxes—following the links in the box may install malicious software on your computer.

Avoid using public computers (at libraries or internet cafes) to do your internet banking—it is very dangerous.

Do not use software on your computer that auto-completes online forms. This can give internet scammers easy access to your personal and credit card details.

Use long and random passwords that would be difficult for anyone else to guess. Do not use dictionary words in your password.

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To find out more about scams and to report scams visit www.scamwatch.gov.au or call 1300 795 995

For TTY service call 1300 303 609