



National Fraud Prevention Month

March is the month for urging awareness around *The National Fraud Prevention Month*. On this occasion, we would like to remind citizens that the protection of personal information concerns everyone: public organisations, enterprises and civilians.

Numerous activities have been organised with the purpose of raising awareness in the matters concerning fraud among our population. These activities will come as a reminder to citizens of the extensive skills a fraudster beholds and how these skills can be used in a wide variety of ploys to manipulate their victims. Even though a great deal of specialized teams work hard everyday to fight against these diverse types of frauds, vigilance and raising awareness remains the best protection possible.

Fraudsters generally bet on people's ignorance and vulnerability by pressuring their victims into giving them what they need. Seeing as fraudsters come up with new strategies every day, citizens need to adopt safe conducts in order to shield themselves from fraudulent conduct. Our society needs to be more skeptical regarding offers that may seem too good to be true, we need to validate every information we are given and, most importantly, we must not crack under pressure. These simple precautions can help us avoid a lot of trouble.

The Sûreté du Québec and their partners wish to entice our citizens into reporting any fraudulent activity to their local police station. Let us remind you all that committing fraud is a criminal activity. Whether the fraud is committed on the internet, by phone or in person, it must be reported to the police and to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre as soon as possible.

If you desire obtaining more information regarding fraud, we invite you to visit our webpage at: [Prévention de la fraude - Sûreté du Québec \(gouv.qc.ca\)](http://Prevention.de.la.fraude-Surete.du.Quebec.gouv.qc.ca)