

REFERENCE SHEET

FAKE PRESIDENT FRAUD

Fake president fraud

After hacking a company executive's email inbox, a fraudster contacts an employee authorized to make international transfers. Under the guise of the executive's email address, the scammer requests a money transfer to an overseas account, giving an emergency or a major acquisition as the reason. The scenario is generally created over several email exchanges where secrecy is required.

Tips

1. Train employees

The employees in charge of the company's financial operations must be made aware of fraud schemes. They must also be trained on the anti-fraud procedures put in place.

2. Establish a strictly controlled funds transfer procedure

The funds transfer procedure must be written and available only to the employees concerned.

– Identify the employees authorized to carry out transfers.

- Establish a process for confirming transfer requests.
- Determine the transaction amounts authorized for each transfer.
- Transactions above the permitted limit require authorization from someone higher up.
- Always use another communication method to verify with the executive in question all "executive" requests that contravene normal procedures, particularly those that require utmost secrecy.
- Check regularly that the process is applied and that the employees concerned understand it well.

If you think your company is the victim of fraud

Immediately contact your financial institution and the police.

Report fraud to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre: www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca