

REFERENCE SHEET

RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT FAKE WEBSITES

Fake websites

It's easy for fraudsters to copy a website and make their fake site appear legitimate. Fake websites pose as the official site of a business, ministry, or government.

Example

"Corporate Portal Canada" is a fake website that poses as a Government of Canada website. This fraudulent website targets businesses by mailing them a letter asking them to update their information, sign the letter, and return it quickly so they can be added to business registries. The company then starts receiving an annual bill of \$1,367.

Tips

1. Be vigilant

If a website seems sketchy, search on the Internet to see if anyone has reported a problem with the site. If you're suspicious, contact the person responsible for the website directly.

Visit Whois.com to find out who owns the website. In the case of the "Corporate Portal Canada" website, the owner's address is not in Canada.

Remember that legitimate organizations use official means to communicate with you.

2. Raise employee awareness

All employees must be made aware of fraud strategies. They must also be trained on the anti-fraud procedures put in place.

Share with your employees the tools available in the [Cybersecurity kit](#) by hosting a lunch 'n learn or breakfast presentation.

If you think your company is the victim of fraud

Immediately contact your financial institution

Contact the police

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