

## Protect yourself against identity theft



Canadians are feeling more vulnerable to fraudsters and identity theft than ever before. In 2022, the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre observed approximately \$531 million in losses to fraud. In 2023, this number increased to \$554 million.

Although the digital world has benefits, Canadians' increasing participation also creates more opportunities for fraudsters to target potential victims. Statistics Canada found that 17% of the Canadian population (or one in six people) reported being a victim of fraud. That's why Fraud Prevention Month (March) is so important. As an annual campaign, it seeks to help you recognize, reject, and report fraud.

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