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Since 2000 BCSI has performed hundreds of successful investigations.

Our integrated team of investigators and support services ensure that the investigations are conducted in a timely fashion with leading edge techniques.

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Cyber Scams

Throughout the month of April, a series of newsletters will feature various types of scams that have affected a number of Canadians. Cyber crime is growing and although recent statistics may not reflect it, it is a type of misconduct that should be an area of concern for all.

Statistics

As noted above, statistics do not reflect the amount of cyber crime that is taking. Statistics Canada released its 2012 crime stats which revealed 9,084 police reported acts of cyber crime. 46% of those reports were classified as cybercrimes against property. Fraud accounted for approximately 54% of reported cybercrimes whilst 3,284 of reported cases were classified as cybercrimes against the person which include crimes such as sexual violations, intimidation acts, extortion, criminal harassment and threats. These stats may appear to be minimal, however, the dark figure of cybercrime could potentially be ten times the reported cases number as people do not report cybercrimes.



Report It

There are some common reasons why people do not report cyber crime to law enforcement once they realized they have been victimized. People may believe that law enforcement is powerless in catching the culprit as online scams are often difficult to track. There is some truth to this but it is not because law enforcement does not care, it is likely due to the restrictions on the resources allocated by the government in which they have to counteract the various types of crimes. Some victims may choose to remain silent as they are embarrassed and fear they may face ridicule from others. There are a number of cases of people falling victim to "romance" scams that will often feel ashamed and senseless that they believed they were in contact with someone who they thought genuinely showed interest in them but only wanted to take their money.

Coming Up

In the proceeding April newsletters, we will review four popular scams and provide tips on how to recognize and report the scam thus aiding you in preventing you from becoming a victim