



**JUST THE FACTS:  
HELPING YOU TALK ABOUT MONEY**

# Fraud Protection



**Your Social Insurance Number (SIN)  
is your identity.**

- Never give out your SIN, except to:
  - Your employer (after you're hired)
  - Government-operated programs, such as Employment Insurance, Canada Student Loan, Canada Pension Plan
  - Canada Revenue Agency, for income tax purposes



**A financial institution will  
never ask for personal or  
financial information via  
e-mail.**



**Thieves don't necessarily  
make large purchases with  
stolen information.**

- They may make smaller purchases that are harder to spot.
- Make sure you monitor your purchases on a regular basis.



**You can set up electronic  
alerts to notify you of  
banking activity.**

- Financial institutions can automatically notify you of purchases, payment deadlines, payment posts, etc. – enabling you to keep track of all your transactions.
- These alerts are useful for managing your finances and can also tip you off to fraudulent activities like unauthorized purchases.



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