



# LACOMBE POLICE SERVICE

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## MEDIA RELEASE

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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**Lacombe, Alberta**

The Lacombe Police Service (LPS) has seen an increase in fraudulent activity associated with COVID-19. The following scams have been noted since the beginning of the pandemic. The LPS would like to remind the public to remain vigilant and call/report any suspicious activity.

- Spoofed government, healthcare or research information
- Unsolicited calls, emails and texts giving medical advice or requesting urgent action or payment
  - If you didn't initiate contact, you don't know who you're communicating to
  - Never respond or click on suspicious links and attachments
  - Never give out your personal or financial details
- Unauthorized or fraudulent charities requesting money for victims, products or research
  - Don't be pressured into making a donation and if you do decide to donate, ensure you verify the charity
- High-priced or low-quality products purchased in bulk by consumers and resold for profit
  - These items may be expired and/or dangerous to your health
- Questionable offers, such as:
  - miracle cures
  - herbal remedies
  - vaccinations
  - faster testing
- Fake and deceptive online ads, including:
  - cleaning products
  - hand sanitizers
  - other items in high demand

If you are approached by what you think could be a scam, please contact the LPS and let us assist you.

If you have a non-emergency complaint or enquiry, please contact the Lacombe Police Service at 403-782-3279 or call your local police. If you want to remain anonymous, you can contact Crime Stoppers by phone at 1-800-222-8477.

Visit the Lacombe Police Service website at [lacombspolice.ca](http://lacombspolice.ca)

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