

SCAM ALERT

Fraudsters are contacting Toronto Hydro's residential and small business customers by phone, text messages, emails, fake bills/letters and door-to-door solicitation.

PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST FRAUD

SPOT — Recognize scams by identifying the red flags

STOP — Protect your personal information and don't make a payment until you verify you're dealing with **Toronto Hydro**

SPEAK UP — Report fraudulent activity to Toronto Hydro at 416-542-8000 and the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501











SCAM **SPOT STOP SPEAK UP**

PHONE



Threaten immediate disconnection and demand payment, usually in the form of a pre-paid card or bitcoin

FAKE BILLS & LETTERS

Demand a payment

for a "Smart Meter

Deposit" fee

- We never threaten immediate disconnection
- We don't have a 1-800 number
- We don't accept bitcoin

"Smart Meter Deposit"

fees don't exist

 Usually includes the wrong account number

- Hang up on all suspicious calls
- Never give out personal or account information
- Call Toronto Hydro to confirm your balance

Verify if the account

number is correct by

comparing to a past bill

Don't make any payments

Report suspicious activity to both:

- **Toronto Hydro's Customer Care line** at 416-542-8000 or report online at torontohydro.com/ reportfraud
- Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at
- 1-888-495-8501

TEXT MESSAGES/EMAILS



Ask customers to click on a link to accept an electronic transfer (credit/refund)

- We never ask customers to accept electronic transfers
- Don't click on any links
- Delete the email/ text message

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For more information, please visit **torontohydro.com/fraud**.

