

**Consulate General of India
Melbourne**

Advisory for Indian Nationals on Fraudulent phone calls

Instances of fraud calls by some unknown persons posing as High Commission/Consulate Officials, calling from Embassy phone numbers, targeting the Indian nationals has come to our notice. The caller threatens Indians that they are in trouble on account of providing false information to host government pertaining to his or her immigration.

The caller usually state that local authorities are initiating proceedings against them and they would be deported to India. Then the caller offers help to the victim by urging him to transfer the money to a fraud account, stating that it as an account of a lawyer, which the Mission/Consulate has hired to take immediate pre-emptive action to help Indians.

The High Commission/Consulate would like to caution Indian nationals and members of the Indian Diaspora to not respond or pay any money at the advice of fraudulent callers. The High Commission of India or Indian Consulate does not make any such calls. If any Indian citizen receives such calls, he/she should immediately write to the Consulate General of India Melbourne - at cons3.melbourne@mea.gov.in, preferably in the below format.

SI NO	Name with passport details of complainant	Current Country of work	Call received from number and date which received	Call received on number	Money Transfer details		Name of final recipient of money as provided by bank /Western union	Place (country/district) where money was finally withdrawn/collected	Any other Remark
					Sender	Recipient			
					Give details of Bank Account or Western Union (account number, transaction 1D), Branch, Location from which fund was transferred and Date of transaction in this column	Give details of Bank Account or Western Union (account number, transaction 1D), Branch, Location in which fund was transferred and Date of transaction in this column			