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For NON-URGENT  
Police contact call  
**POLICELINK**  
**131 444**

## *Crime Prevention Corner*

### **Disaster Related Scams**

Scammers are using the emotional distress caused by disasters (such as hailstorm damage; bushfires; floods; Covid 19 etc) to take advantage of people who can become vulnerable after having experienced a significant life changing event.

Tips to protect yourself from these types of scams:

- Don't click on hyperlinks in text/social media messages or emails, even if it appears to come from a trusted source.
- Go directly to the website from your browser, e.g.: to reach the MyGov website type 'my.gov.au' into your browser yourself.
- Never respond to unsolicited messages and calls that ask for personal or financial details, even if they claim to be from a reputable organisation or government authority – just press delete or hang up.
- Never provide a stranger remote access to your computer, even if they claim to be from a telco company or NBN.
- Subscribe for email alerts on the latest scams at [www.scamwatch.gov.au](http://www.scamwatch.gov.au)