



## FAKE WEBSITES

Scammers can easily replicate a company or government website and make it look just like the real thing.

### EXAMPLE

One fake website is the Corporate Portal Canada. It looks like it's part of the Government of Canada. It targets businesses by sending them a letter asking them to fill out a form to update their information. The form must be signed and returned to the Corporate Portal Canada for the company to be registered. The company is then sent an invoice for \$1,367.

## TIPS

### 1. Be on the lookout

If a website looks a little off, do a quick search to see if there's any mention of it on the internet. If you don't find anything and you're still suspicious, you can reach out to the website's contact person.

To find out who the owner is, you can go to [Whois.com](https://whois.com). If you search for the Corporate Portal Canada, the contact person's mailing address is in a foreign country.

Legitimate organizations will always use official channels of communication.

### 2. Educate your employees

Your entire staff needs to be aware of fraud schemes. Employees also need to know about your company's procedures to prevent different types of scams.

Plan a lunch-and-learn or breakfast meeting to talk to your employees about Desjardins's [Cybersecurity Kit](#).

## DO YOU THINK YOUR COMPANY IS A VICTIM OF FRAUD?

Contact your financial institution immediately.

Contact the police.

Report it to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at [www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca](https://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca).