



PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN AGAINST FRAUDULENT TRANSACTIONS – NBFCs



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FAKE ADVERTISEMENTS FOR EXTENDING LOANS BY FRAUDSTERS

- Fraudsters issue fake advertisements offering personal loans at very attractive and low rates of interest or easy repayment options or without any requirement of collateral/ security, etc.
- Fraudsters send emails with such offers and ask the borrowers to contact them. To gain credibility with the gullible borrowers and to induce confidence, these email-ids are made to look-like the emails IDs of senior officials of well-known/ genuine Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs).
- When borrowers approach the fraudsters for loans, the fraudsters take money from the borrowers in the name of various upfront charges like processing fees, Goods and Services Tax (GST), intercity charge, advance Equated Monthly Instalment (EMI), etc., and abscond without disbursing the loans.
- Fraudsters also create fake website links to show up on search engines, when people search for information on loans.



FAKE SMS / EMAIL / INSTANT MESSAGING / CALL SCAMS

- Fraudsters circulate fake messages in instant messaging apps / SMS / social media platforms on attractive loans and use the logo of any known NBFC as profile picture in the mobile number shared by them to induce credibility.
- The fraudsters may even share their Aadhaar card / Pan Card and fake NBFC ID card.
- After sending such bulk messages / SMS / emails, the fraudsters call random people and share fake sanction letters, copies of fake cheques, etc., and demand various charges. Once the borrowers pay these charges, the fraudsters abscond with the money.



OTP BASED FRAUDS

Modus Operandi

- Fraudsters impersonating as NBFCs, send SMS / messages offering loans or enhancement of credit limit on NBFC/bank customers' loan accounts, and ask the customers to contact them on a mobile number.
- When the customers call such numbers, fraudsters ask them to fill forms to collect their financial credentials. Fraudsters then induce / convince the customers to share the OTP or PIN details and carry out unauthorised transfers from the customers' accounts.



FAKE LOAN WEBSITES / APP FRAUDS

- Fraudsters create unscrupulous loan apps which offer instant and short-term loans. These apps dupe the borrowers and may also charge significantly higher interest rates.
- To attract gullible borrowers, the fraudsters advertise "limited period offers" and ask borrowers to make urgent decisions using pressure tactics.



FRAUDULENT LOANS WITH FORGED DOCUMENTS

- Fraudsters use forged documents to avail services from financial institutions.
- Fraudsters commit identity thefts, steal personal information of customers such as identity cards, bank account details etc., and use this information or credentials to avail benefits from a financial institution.
- Fraudsters pose as NBFC employees and collect KYC related documents from customers.