

## TEN COMMON TRICKS USED BY SCAMMERS: BEWARE AND STAY SAFE

Scammers target people of all ages, but middle-aged and elderly individuals are particularly vulnerable. Be cautious and aware of these common tricks:

1. **\*TRAI Phone Scam\***: Fraudsters claim to be from TRAI, stating your mobile number is linked to illegal activities, and services will be suspended.

**Reality**: TRAI doesn't suspend services; telecom companies do.

2. **\*Parcel Stuck at Customs\***: Scammers claim a parcel with contraband has been intercepted and demand payment.

**Action**: Disconnect and report the number.

3. **\*Digital Arrest\***: Fake police officers threaten digital arrest or online interrogation.

**Reality**: Police don't conduct digital arrests or online interrogations.

4. **\*Family Member Arrested\***: Scammers claim a relative will be arrested and demand payment.

**Action**: Verify with family members before taking action.

5. **\*Get Rich Quick Trading\***: Social media ads promise high returns on stock investments.

**Reality**: High-return schemes are likely scams.

6. **\*Easy Tasks for Big Rewards\***: Scammers offer high sums for simple tasks, then ask for investment.

**Reality**: Easy money schemes are scams.

7. **\*Credit Card Issued in Your Name\***: Fake executives confirm large transactions on bogus credit cards.

**Action**: Check with your bank.

8. **\*Mistaken Money Transfer\***: Scammers claim incorrect transactions and ask for refunds.

**Action**: Verify transactions with your bank.

9. **\*KYC Expired\***: Scammers ask for KYC updates via links.

**Reality**: Banks require in-person KYC updates.

10. **\*Generous Tax Refund\***: Fraudsters pose as tax officials, asking for bank details.

**Reality**: Tax departments already have bank details and communicate directly.

### **STAY SAFE:**

1. Verify information before acting.
2. Don't click suspicious links.
3. Confirm transactions with banks.
4. Report suspicious calls/numbers.
5. Be cautious of high-return schemes.
6. Update KYC in-person.
7. Don't share personal/bank details.

### **REPORT SCAMS:**

1. National Consumer Helpline (1800-11-4000) or 1930
2. Cyber Crime Reporting Portal ([cybercrime.gov.in](https://cybercrime.gov.in))
3. Local Police Station

**STAY INFORMED, STAY VIGILANT!**