

## **FRAUD ALERT: Compensation scam from the “United Nations”**

An interesting new spin on “Nigerian scams” has been circulating to members recently, claiming to be from the “United Nations Compensations Payments Oversight Services Department”. The message includes a reference number/payments code, and indicates that the reader has been identified as a “Nigerian 419 Scam Victim”, and has been approved for a \$27-million dollar compensation payment – as soon as they provide a scanned copy of their passport or drivers’ licence “for identification”. This new element to inheritance schemes is meant especially to target past victims of “Nigerian scams”, who have been successfully duped in the past, and are open to receiving reparations.

According to their website, the United Nations:

- Does not request any information related to bank accounts or other private information.
- Does not offer prizes, awards, funds, certificates or scholarships, or conduct lotteries through email, mail or fax.

You can read more about these scams on the [United Nations' fraud alert](#) web page.

*To report or seek advice on dealing with fraud and scam attempts, contact Cynthia Nield at [cniel@lians.ca](mailto:cniel@lians.ca), or 902 423 1300, x346.*