

# FAQ – Concerned you may be the victim of a scam?

From time to time Lions may receive unsolicited emails, phone calls or mail from unknown sources.

"SCAMwatch" is a website run by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) that provides information to consumers and small businesses about how to recognise, avoid and report scams.

If you are concerned that you may be the victim of a scam please visit the SCAMwatch website <http://www.scamwatch.gov.au/content/index.html/tag/scamAboutUs> and follow the links.

Please note, there are many variations of scam e-mail and it is impossible to list them all, but the guiding principles may be:

1. Someone is giving you money. If it seems too good to be true, it probably is.
2. A Lion needs help for a medical condition. In almost all circumstances, if someone needs help they will contact you by telephone or other means. (It is far easier to ring someone when in difficult circumstances, than to send an e-mail)
3. A Lions Club is seeking support. – Check their contact details in the International Directory and contact the club through official channels to confirm.

Note: Please do not reply to scam e-mail, even to complain or identify the source. Replying to the e-mail confirms to the sender that your e-mail is valid and current and can lead to higher volumes of additional unsolicited e-mail.

## EXAMPLES OF POTENTIAL SCAM E-MAIL

### Example 1

*Greetings fellow Lion ROB OERLEMANS*

*I hope this email meets you and your family in good condition of health. I have a very urgent and confidential request to discuss with you . Please kindly let me know if you would be willing to assist me and my family to enable me proceed further with the full details of the matter. Thanks and best wishes*

*Yours in Lionism,*

*Lion Harry Houdini*

*Email: lion.harry.houdini@hotmail.com*

### Example 2

*Subject: LOOKING FOR PARTNERSHIP IN BUSINESS*

*Engr David Koni.*

*(BOARD OF CONTRACT AWARD COMMITTEE.)*

*Cotonou Republic Du Benin.*

*Sir/Madam,*

*It is my great pleasure to write to you and present my business proposal for your consideration and possible acceptance which you will find mutually beneficial to both parties.*

*I am Engr. David Koni, the Chairman of the Contract Award Committee, Cotonou Republic Du Benin W.Africa, We need a trustworthy partner to assist us in the transfer of (US\$11,5M) ELEVEN MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND UNITED STATES DOLLARS. for further investment in your country,*

*You will be required to:*

*(1) Assist us in the transfer of this sum to your bank account in your Country.*

*(2) Advise on areas for potential future investment in your country*

*(3) Assist us in carrying out the feasibility study before actual investment. If you decide to render your service to us in this regard, you will be paid 20% of the total funds for assistance. Reply back this email if you are willing to work with us.*

*Respectfully,*

*Engr. David Koni.*

*Chairman Contract Award Committee {BCAC}*