

Members of the Indian community in Australia are being targeted by fraudulent phone calls from Consulate emergency helpline number i.e. <u>0450810828</u>. Callers falsely claim to represent Indian law enforcement agencies, courts, or other authorities, and allege that the recipient is involved in legal/criminal matters in India.

They often direct victims to contact or visit the Consulate General of India, Melbourne office to make the scam seem more credible.

Consulate never communicate from any mobile or landline number to any person regarding these matters.

■ IMPORTANT: DO NOT FALL FOR THESE SCAMS

- ✓ Indian law enforcement agencies do not ask for personal details over the phone.
- The Consulate General of India, Melbourne or Government of India never demand money transfers, seek information or issue threats by phone, email or any digital means.
- ✓ Ignore any instructions to call or visit the Consulate if received through such calls.

(1) What You Should Do:

- Do NOT engage with such callers.
- Do NOT share personal or financial information.
- Hang up immediately.

Report such incidents to:

The Consulate General of India, Melbourne and Local law enforcement authorities in Australia

The Consulate is actively taking appropriate steps in both India and Australia to address these fraudulent activities and protect the Indian diaspora.

Stay alert. Stay safe.