

SCAM ALERT!

VIRTUAL KIDNAPPINGS:

Scammers impersonate Chinese government authorities or military officials and extort the victim. They tell the victim they have been implicated in a crime and need to pay money to avoid deportation. As the scam escalates, through coercion, they get victims to stage their **OWN** fake kidnapping. The families involved are led to believe the victim is in danger and a ransom needs to be paid to secure their release.

HOW TO REPORT:

1. In an **EMERGENCY** call **000**.
2. Call the Police Assistance Line (PAL) 131 444 (for all non-emergency reporting).

DO NOT send any money and **HANG** up the call immediately.

DO NOT reveal any **PERSONAL** information.

DO collect as much information/ data about the scammer as possible.

DO report any suspicious scam/ behaviour to Police & ScamWatch.

DO speak to friends/family about the incident for support.

DO contact the Chinese Consulate for advice and to report.



NSW Police Force



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