



We're targeting:

Fraud related to the COVID Economic Response Package

The majority of people do the right thing and only access the benefits they are entitled to. However, some people lie or withhold information to fraudulently access a range of government programs and subsidies (including COVID-19 stimulus measures).

Illegal behaviour or the development of schemes that are designed to deliberately exploit these measures, seek to avoid tax, or prey on vulnerable Australians will not be tolerated.

Penalties for fraud can include financial penalties, prosecution, and imprisonment for the most serious cases.

The Serious Financial Crime Taskforce (SFCT) has access to a large amount of information to assess the risk of inappropriate behaviour. These sources include employer reporting obligations, income tax returns, information reported by super funds, as well as data from various third-party sources.

Measures designed to protect the integrity of the government's stimulus measures have ensured only a small number have attempted to gain benefits fraudulently.

How you can help:

- Keep an eye out for some of the common 'personas' and the warning signs of serious financial crime using the Serious Financial Crime Identikit developed by the SFCT.



Criminals we are on the lookout for:

The Rorter lies or withholds information to fraudulently access a range of government subsidies (including COVID-19 stimulus measures). In some cases, rorters may be linked to hardcore criminals who are the key instigators and beneficiaries of the financial crime. These individuals may be members of or linked to organised (international) crime syndicates or groups.

Warning signs that can help identify The Rorter:

- Makes false claims for a stimulus measure (e.g. where there is no history of employment).
- Makes claims as both an employee and an eligible business.
- Makes multiple claims or amends paperwork in order to claim for a stimulus measure.
- Obtains access to a payment, makes claims for amounts not entitled to or increases the amount entitled to for stimulus payments.