

# SAFE COMMUNITY SERIES

## HIGHLIGHTS

### BITCOIN ATM SCAMS — SESSION SUMMARY

#### HERE'S WHAT YOU MISSED (March 6th, 2025):

- Bitcoin ATMs convert cash to cryptocurrency using QR codes. Be cautious of callers directing you to use a Bitcoin ATM, as scammers often exploit these machines by providing deceptive QR codes to steal your funds.
- Scammers will often impersonate government officials, directing victims to withdraw cash and send money via Bitcoin ATMs using a QR code.
- Bitcoin is a highly volatile digital currency (cryptocurrency) used in transactions that is not controlled by any central authority.
- Avoid giving out any personal information to unsolicited callers. If in doubt about speaking with a government agency, hang up and call back using their official number.
- If you are victim, first contact the police and file a report, then contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre 1-888-495-8501.



For further information about cryptocurrency scams, please visit [antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca](https://antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca) or [crimeprevention@burnaby.ca](mailto:crimeprevention@burnaby.ca)

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