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Fallen victim to a fraud? Report and file charges!

You have fallen victim to fraud and would rather not report this to your bank or file charges with the police; maybe because you are ashamed, or think that it won't make any difference? Do it anyway. First of all, the ones to feel ashamed are the perpetrators, not you. You should just forget any feeling of shame you may have and notify your bank and/or the police of this incident, and/or use this report form by the National Cyber Security Centre (NC-SC) (https://www.report.ncsc.admin.ch/en/) for this. There are good reasons to do so:

- Firstly, the information you provide to your financial institution and the police can help prevent more people from falling victim to this fraud.
- Secondly, there is a chance that part of your money can be returned or reimbursed to your account.
- Thirdly, perpetrators are in actual fact found quite often. Information from several criminal charges can be combined for assessment and used for investigations in co-operation with international police organisations. Such investigations may take some time, but result quite often in a success.