

# MY CV WAS SCAMMED! NOW WHAT?

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We have been asked this, time and time again, by colleagues who have had their CVs hijacked by scammers: **My CV was scammed! What can I do now?** After the scamming, there is not much you can do, really, but we suggest you take the following steps:

1. **DO NOT KEEP IT TO YOURSELF! The scamming will not go away, just because you keep silent about it.** Scammers live off anonymity and by having no presence on the Internet. **Their exposure online is the ONLY WAY to give them the publicity they hate and fear.**
2. **IMPORTANT:** Bear in mind that when scammers create a Gmail address (or other free account) with YOUR name or ASSOCIATED with your name or CV, **YOU will be left with an online footprint/identity that IS NOT CONTROLLED BY YOU.**
3. **SEND A MESSAGE TO THE FAKE EMAILS** used by the scammers and demand them to stop their practice, and tell them you **DO NOT** authorize the abusive "marketing" of your CV. **IT'S OK TO WRITE YOUR MESSAGE IN HARSH/RUDE/IMPOLITE/INSULTING TERMS, BECAUSE SCAMMERS DO NOT DESERVE ANY DEGREE OF POLITENESS.** We've created several special email addresses ourselves just for this purpose. **GIVE SCAMMERS NO REST.**
4. **POST ON YOUR CV** (and on any translation forums and social networks you may be a member of) a notice about the scamming of your CV and the fake email addresses used.

**ALWAYS PUBLISH THE FAKE ADDRESS(ES), CLEARING MARKING IT(THEM) AS FAKE.  
ALWAYS SHOW AND STRESS WHICH GENUINE EMAIL ADDRESS(ES) YOU USE.**

You may see what other colleagues did **TO EXPOSE THEIR SCAMMERS:**

[http://www.proz.com/forum/scams/277193-stolen\\_cv\\_beware.html](http://www.proz.com/forum/scams/277193-stolen_cv_beware.html)

<http://www.proz.com/profile/20097>

<https://kaorimyatt.tumblr.com/post/62339674612/warning-of-cv-scam>

<https://www.facebook.com/luu.mien/posts/777306798946721>

[https://www.proz.com/forum/scams/242863-](https://www.proz.com/forum/scams/242863-beware-someone-is-using-my-cv-information-and-two-fake-email-addresses.html)

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5. **NOTIFY ANY CLIENTS YOU MAY WORK WITH** about the scamming of your CV/ID/data and about the REAL email addresses they should use to contact you.
6. **SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT THE SCAMMING OF YOUR CV** and about the TRANSLATOR SCAMMERS DIRECTORY. **SCREAM, YELL, RAISE HELL!** Scammers live off people (translators and clients) not knowing about their operation. Once their scam is exposed, their operation will become more and more difficult.
7. **BEAR IN MIND** that we have received numerous messages from translators-victims and from companies reporting that, when a translator's name is used by scammers, clients tend to contact the real translator for possible jobs. The same is also true (to a lesser extent, though) for translators identified in our Directory, but scammed under fantasy names.

**REMEMBER: THE FIGHT AGAINST SCAMMERS IS A COLLECTIVE EFFORT. DON'T MISS OUT.**

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