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 (OR MANY MESSAGES) 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, but do not expect scammers to stop their practice, just because you asked.

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/profile/20097](http://www.proz.com/profile/20097)
   - [https://www.facebook.com/luu.mien/posts/777306798946721](https://www.facebook.com/luu.mien/posts/777306798946721)
   - [https://www.proz.com/forum/scams/242863-beware_someone_is_using_my_cv_information_and_two_fake_email_addresses.html](https://www.proz.com/forum/scams/242863-beware_someone_is_using_my_cv_information_and_two_fake_email_addresses.html)

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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