



The Investigator Newsletter

Event Ticket Scams



Avoid Event Ticket Scams: Stay Safe When Buying Tickets

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Event Ticket Scams

With the FIFA World Cup and many artists coming to Vancouver soon, tickets for these events are in high demand and can be very expensive. In December of last year, when Taylor Swift concluded her Eras tour in Vancouver, the tickets were priced at over \$1000 each, attracting scammers to capitalize on the quick money from desperate fans.

Types of Ticket Scams

Fake Tickets. A scammer will pretend to have tickets for sale, and once the money is sent to them, they either send a fake ticket or nothing at all. If you receive a fake ticket, you may not realize it until you arrive at the event.

Wrong seats: Scammers will advertise a front-row seat and charge a lot of money, then when you receive the ticket, it is a seat at the very back of the venue.

Duplicate ticket. A scammer will sell multiple copies of the same ticket. This means a group of people will be holding the same ticket, but only the first person to arrive at the event will be let in.

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Fake event website. A scammer will create a website that looks authentic to trick people into buying fake tickets. This is often paired with ads on social media promoting an event with the fraudulent website as the ticket link.

How to Avoid Them

Always purchase tickets directly through the link on the event's website. In Vancouver, the most common places to buy tickets are Ticketmaster and Ticketleader. These are both safe and reliable options for buying tickets.

Buying Resale Tickets

Even when an event sells out, you can still get tickets. Only buy tickets from verified resellers, such as SeatGeek or StubHub. Never buy tickets from Facebook Marketplace or Craigslist, as there is no way to verify that the seller is genuine and not a scammer.

Learn more in [episode 13 of Scams 360](#), available everywhere you get podcasts!

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