



# SCAMS TARGETING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Are you aware of high-value scams currently targeting our Chinese students? One prevalent scam involves criminals impersonating Chinese law enforcement officials to defraud victims. This scheme, reported globally, specifically targets Chinese international students, using intimidating tactics to extort money.



## SIGNS TO LOOK OUT FOR:

**Changes in Behaviour:** Becoming withdrawn, secretive, or distancing themselves from classes or social groups.

## Unexplained Financial Losses:

Sudden financial struggles, including unpaid tuition, accommodation fees.

## Unusual Communications:

Short messages or an increased urgency in responding to messages.

**Emotional Distress:** Increased anxiety, stress, or embarrassment, especially about money matters.

## HOW TO SUPPORT:

**Seek University support:** Reach out to the University of Edinburgh's Security Service **0131 650 2257** or **security@ed.ac.uk** (reminder that the security number is at the back of all student/staff cards):



**Report the incident:** Contact Police Scotland by dialling **101** (non-emergencies) **999** (emergencies) or report online through **Online Reporting Form**.

**Raise awareness:** Inform your student community to help prevent others from falling victim to the scam.