

## **Investigative Committee of Russia warns of potential cases of phone fraud in the Russian Federation**



The Investigative Committee of Russia notes an increase in complaints about committing fraud against citizens. Every day residents of different entities of the Russian Federation through different means of communication report of calls from persons who identify themselves as the investigating officers of the Investigative Committee of Russia and other governmental agencies.

Unidentified persons mislead citizens into thinking they are considered victims of the criminal inquiry allegedly initiated into the trafficking of forged biologically active additives and medicines, also by providing unspecified “legal documents”. At the same time, they propose to transfer various large sums of money using account details to ensure further compensation for moral damage.

Please note that persons who offer to transfer money to accounts in one way or another are not employees of the IC of Russia or other authorities of the Russian Federation. Such activities are not

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related to discharge of duties by investigators, especially since other legal arrangements that do not involve any contributions and transfers from victims are provided by the law for damage compensation.

Such calls are a form of fraud and should be immediately reported to law enforcement authorities. Such facts are thoroughly checked in order to identify the persons involved in the fraudulent scheme and bring them to justice.

**We ask citizens, especially elder persons who are most likely to become the victims of the phone fraud committed by unidentified persons, to be vigilant.**

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