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### **BlackRock Australia warns of imposter Bond Scam**

BlackRock Australia has been made aware that scammers posing as BlackRock or other financial institutions may approach investors offering high yield bond investments. The tactics deployed by scammers may include sending a fake but professional looking prospectus or offering document by email.

These are not genuine BlackRock communications and we recommend that in view of this risk, you remain vigilant, cautious and not respond or take any action requested should you receive a communication pretending to be sent by BlackRock in relation to such products.

You may be asked by the scammer to complete an online form and scan ID documents and directed to pay funds into a bank account. It can be difficult to recover money lost to scams and any money paid may be permanently lost.

For more information on these bogus bond funds you can refer to the full [ASIC Media release](#) (or search “**21-010MR ASIC warns investors of imposter bond scams**” from the search bar at [www.asic.gov.au](http://www.asic.gov.au)).

If you believe you are a victim of such a scam, please let us know. You can also contact the [Australian Cyber Security Centre](#). Your report may disrupt the scammers and alert other potential investors of the scam.

Should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Client Services Team via email at [ClientServices.aus@blackrock.com](mailto:ClientServices.aus@blackrock.com) or by phone on 1300 366 100.

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