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Cyber Frauds during Lockdown - BE AWARE

Cyber fraudsters keep finding new ways to lure people. A new modus operandi of Cybercrime has been started by fraudsters.

The fraudsters are trying to take advantage of the EMI moratorium declared by the RBI & various Banks. As per the reports from media, the following Modus operandi are being used by the fraudster to trap the customers.

- 1. Customer gets call from a fraudster posing as a Bank representative. The customers are offered EMI moratorium benefits by the fraudster in order to get their Bank details and initiate a fraudulent transaction. The customer is asked to share the OTP. Once the OTP is shared, the amount is immediately siphoned away by the fraudster.
- 2. The customer may be guided via SMS to download a mobile app to avail the EMI moratorium. Once the customer downloads the app, a virus/ malware also gets installed which helps the hackers to capture the customer's sensitive information such as username and password. They will then ask for an OTP to carry out a fraudulent transaction.

Steps to ensure you do not fall prey to the scams

- i. Do not share your personal details or OTP with anyone. Banks will never ask for an OTP from their customers.
- ii. Do not download any such mobile or desktop app as per suggestion given on a random phone call.
- iii. Be extremely wary of SMS or WhatsApp asking for KYC, Aadhaar details, PIN or OTP details.
- iv. Never share confidential details when you receive any unsolicited calls, SMSs or emails.
- v. If you get an SMS/call asking for sensitive information, kindly do not provide these details.
- vi. Do not open or forward any suspicious links via email, SMS or chat.

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