

I just want to say thank you for the information on the email scams. I believe I received one myself only a few days after reading your warning. Mine is from a woman seeking counselling for her 19 year old daughter, twice a week for 4 weeks. It is not conclusive but at least I feel it's ok for me to be suspicious. It is an outlook email address.

The email was from a:Larry Faith (js37188@gmail.com, CC'ed was LynneGoertzen@gmail.com
"After he told me he wanted to pay for 2 sessions for his daughter, he sent me certified cheque to my office. Once I received the cheque, he said he made a big mistake and sent too much money, and that I would need to send half of it back via money gram to Phil Walkter, in Paris France."

"On two occasions over the past month I have received emails from individuals in other countries (one UK, the other US) asking for sessions (individual, couples) and requests for advanced payment to be made by means of bank draft. In the former scenario, the idea was for this person's daughter to be taking university courses and wanting individual therapy while here, in the latter it was a couple from New York looking for sessions while holidaying in Western Canada."

"I have been made aware of another phishing scam. This one is for a man seeking marital counselling for him and his wife. They are always out of country and want to book twice a week for two months for their anniversary to work on some issue or another. He asks for your fee schedule and to book the time with you. Then sends you a check with an insurance logo that is way more than asked for. The police have informed me that if you cash the check you are doing something illegal and have to pay the balance to the individual. They have tried this with myself and two other psychologists in my office. I see you have other scam scenarios, thought this one may need to be added."

"I am a registered psychologist in Calgary and would like to report a recent experience of scamming. I too was contacted via email by a \"couple\" from New York stating they will be here for 6 weeks and would like to do 10 couples counselling sessions. They requested to send a money order for the services ahead of time. The cheque arrived for a much higher amount, at which time they requested that I wire them back the difference. Once I stated I would not be doing that, they stopped contact.\" The names given were Lath & Heidi Marno.