

Beware of **Digital Arrest** Scam: Stay Safe!

In today's digital world, cyber frauds are on the rise. One common scam is "Digital Arrest." This awareness document explains it simply. Read and share to protect yourself and others.



What is Digital Arrest in India?

Digital Arrest is a fake scam where fraudsters pretend to be police officers, CBI, or government officials. They call or video call you, accusing you of serious crimes like money laundering or drug trafficking. They scare you into thinking you'll be arrested soon unless you pay money or share bank details. It's not real—no real police arrest people over phone or video. In India, real arrests need proper legal process in person, not online.

This scam has tricked many people, leading to loss of money and data.

Always remember: Real officials don't demand money over calls!

How Does It Happen?

Fraudsters use these tricks:

- They call from unknown numbers, sounding official.
- Show fake IDs or uniforms on video calls.
- Claim your name is linked to a crime (like a package with drugs).
- Threaten "digital arrest" where they say they'll restrict your movements virtually.
- Ask for money to "clear your name" or share OTPs, bank info.
- They may keep you on call for hours to pressure you.

If you get such a call, hang up immediately—it's a scam!

Precautions and Tips

Stay safe with these simple steps:

- Never share bank details, OTPs, or personal info on calls.
- Verify callers: Ask for their details and call back on official numbers (check government websites).
- Don't panic—real police don't arrest over phone.
- Use call blocking apps for unknown numbers.
- Educate family, especially elders.
- If suspicious, discuss with trusted people before acting.

Be alert: If it sounds too urgent or scary, it's likely a scam.

How to Report?

If you face this scam or lose money. Report immediately for quick help.

- Call the National Cyber Crime Helpline: **1930** (toll-free, 24/7).
- Visit **cybercrime.gov.in** to file an online complaint. Upload details like call numbers, screenshots.
