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Practice Alert: Protect Your Engineering Seal from Online Fraud

Imagine discovering your professional seal has been used on drawings you never reviewed — underscoring the importance of protecting both your reputation and public safety.

Engineering regulators across Canada are seeing a growing trend of “**stamp mills**” — online services or brokers offering engineering stamps for a fee, often through freelance platforms. These services may involve forged or replicated seals, unauthorized use of members’ credentials, and sealing of work outside licensed jurisdictions.

Case in Point

A residential project in Nova Scotia included stamped drawings. The engineer whose seal appeared **confirmed they had never worked on the project**. The seal had been **digitally replicated and sold through an online broker**. Similar fraudulent seals have been identified across multiple provinces.

Protect Your Professional Identity

Members should:

- ✓ **Search your name, licence, and seal online** regularly
- ✓ Use secure digital sealing and signing platforms, such as [Notarius](#) to reduce the risk of seal replication or misuse. For more information, please visit: [APEGGS » Digital Signatures & Seals](#)
- ✓ If you are using a digital reproduction for sealing and signing, ensure you have processes for securely applying them and maintaining control.
- ✓ Only authenticate work in jurisdictions where you are **licensed**

Report Suspicious Activity

If you suspect misuse of your professional seal or credentials, **report it immediately to APEGGS Fraudulent Practice Alert-Report Suspicious Activity at complaints@apegs.ca** . Protecting your seal helps safeguard public trust and professional integrity.