



**Thanks for keeping your social distance!**



## **TAKE 5 WEDNESDAY**

Hi

Here is your weekly dose of "TAKE 5 Wednesday", a list of what I'm enjoying, pondering and working on.



### **The do's and don'ts of being a holiday houseguest**

During the holidays, a lot of people find themselves either staying with, or hosting friends or family at some point. When you're staying at a friend's or relative's place—yes, even if it's your childhood home—don't forget that you're a guest. [Here](#) are some simple ways to be a

pleasant houseguest who gets invited back again.



### **Spotting fake corporate websites**

Fraudsters are creating authentic-looking websites that fool people into thinking they are dealing with the real company. Many people are convinced that the sites are real, and end up sending money to the fraudsters. There has been an increase in investment scams imitating well-known financial brands, and now fake websites for smaller, lesser-known firms are becoming common too. Click [here](#) to learn how to spot these fake websites.



### **Make your holiday decorations merrier and brighter with these tips**

The holiday season is a time for celebrating, as people welcome family and friends for a cheerful meal at a festive looking table. [These tips](#) will help you decorate your home simply but beautifully, so you can focus on your loved ones, rather than on clutter, broken lights and holiday stress.



## **Reporting your blogging or influencer income**

If you earn income from your Canadian personal blog or social media presence, you will have to report it on your income tax return. That includes the value of anything you receive for free, like products to review. If you have a blog or online presence for business purposes but haven't earned any income from it, you can still deduct your related expenses. If you have income you haven't declared, you should consult a tax professional. [Here](#) is what the CRA wants social media influencers to know.

### **Quote I'm pondering**

“Do not judge me by my success, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again.”

– Nelson Mandela

Thanks for TAKING 5!

Scott

### **Whenever you're ready... here are 3 ways I can help:**

#### **Option 1.**

Let's have a chat: Just [CLICK HERE](#) to see my calendar through our online scheduler. Then, select a time that works for you. The scheduler will book our time and send you the call-in details.

#### **Option 2.**

Let's "meet": If you would like to book a free, no-obligation information session, please email me at [scottplaskett@ironshield.ca](mailto:scottplaskett@ironshield.ca) and we can coordinate a time that fits into your schedule.

#### **Option 3.**

Attend my next free webinar: Every Friday I get together online with a handful of other local business owners and share with them the most current research and insights into proper financial planning - specifically for business owners. If you'd like to participate or just listen in on the next session, please email me at [scottplaskett@ironshield.ca](mailto:scottplaskett@ironshield.ca) and I'll forward you the details.

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