



What is a scam?

Scams are designed to trick you into giving away your money or your personal details.

Scams come to you in many different ways, it might be through the post, email, text, phone call or through a website or advert.



DATING & ROMANCE

Scammer uses fake profiles to lure you into a relationship, then asks for money or you to invest in something



INVESTMENT

Fake investment opportunities used by scammers to get you to hand over your money



BUYING OR SELLING

Fake online stores or classified ads to sell you a product or service that doesn't exist



REMOTE ACCESS

You are asked to hand over control of your device to fix a problem. Scammers may pretend to be from your local council, electricity or gas company, or internet/ phone provider.

TYPES OF SCAMS



FAKE CHARITIES

Often occurring after natural disasters or other major events, the scammer mimics genuine charities in an attempt to get your money and private information



PHISHING

Sending emails or other messages pretending to be from reputable companies in order to induce individuals to reveal personal information, such as passwords and credit card numbers.



TRAVEL, PRIZE & LOTTERIES

Tricks you into handing over personal information for you to receive a 'free' prize from a competition or lottery you never entered



JOBS & EMPLOYMENT

The promise of a high-paying job that doesn't exist where you are asked to pay for your training. Also includes Ponzi or Pyramid Schemes