

Investment scams are often sophisticated and difficult to spot

How to avoid investment scams

- 1 Reject unexpected offers**

Scammers usually cold call, but contact can also come by email, post, word of mouth or at a seminar. If you've been offered an investment out of the blue, chances are it's a high risk investment or a scam.
- 2 Check the FCA Warning List**

Use the FCA Warning List to check the risks of a potential investment – you can also search to see if the firm is known to be operating without FCA authorisation.
- 3 Get impartial advice**

Get impartial advice before investing – don't use an adviser from the firm that contacted you.

If you're suspicious, report it

You can report a firm or scam to the Financial Conduct Authority on **0800 111 6768** or through www.fca.org.uk/scamsmart

If you've lost money in a scam, contact Action Fraud on **0300 123 2040** or www.actionfraud.police.uk



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