



Be a ScamSmart investor

Investment scams are designed to look like genuine investments.

Spot the warning signs.

Have you been...

- contacted out of the blue
- promised tempting returns and told the investment is safe
- called repeatedly, or
- told the offer is only available for a limited time?

If so, you might have been contacted by fraudsters

How to avoid investment fraud

1

Reject cold calls

If you've been cold called about an investment opportunity, chances are it's very risky or a scam. The safest thing to do is hang up.

2

Check the firm on the

FCA Warning List

www.scamsmart.fca.org.uk/warninglist

Make sure your firm isn't on our list of firms to avoid.

3

Get impartial advice

Seek impartial advice from a financial adviser unconnected to the firm that has contacted you before you make an investment.

Report a scam

Remember: if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!

If you suspect that you have been approached by fraudsters please tell the FCA using the share fraud reporting form at www.fca.org.uk/scams, where you can find out more about investment scams. You can also call the FCA Consumer Helpline on 0800 111 6768.

If you have lost money to investment fraud, you should report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or online at www.actionfraud.police.uk.

Find out more at www.fca.org.uk/scamsmart