

## 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](http://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.

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

### Report a scam

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](http://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](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk).

Find out more at [www.fca.org.uk/scamsmart](http://www.fca.org.uk/scamsmart)