

BEWARE OF SCAMMERS!

What is a Scam? – This is an illegal plan to make money,

Scammers are people who pretend you are going to get a lot of money but all they do is trick you out of your own money. There are many different types of scams, including. facebook, email, phone, letter, lottery, international, and dating scams.



Don't be the next victim. Every year more than three million people in the UK fall victim to scams losing hundreds, sometimes thousands of pounds. They often ask you to send the money by Western Union as once this has been sent it cannot be traced.



How to spot a scam or fraud

There are 4 things you should do if you suspect you have been targeted by a scam.

- 1) **CHECK** with a trusted friend, relative or neighbour.
- 2) **GET** advice from the Citizens Advice Consumer Service on 08454 040506 or www.adviceguide.org.uk.
- 3) **REPORT** scams and suspected scams to Action Fraud 0300 123 2040 or www.actionfraud.police.uk
- 4) **TELL** family, friends, neighbours so that they can avoid scams.

Things to Remember

- If you are contacted out of the blue — be suspicious. Ask someone else.
- Your bank or the police will **NEVER** ask for your PIN.
- If it sounds too good to be true it generally is.

