

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.

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, 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