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Investment Scams



Cyber criminals are attempting to exploit opportunities around coronavirus. This could lead to a rise in fraudulent investment schemes, so we would advise people to remain vigilant at this time.

Check the FCA's register to make sure the company is regulated. If you deal with a firm or individual that isn't regulated, you may not be able to get your money back

Below are some top tips for spotting an investment scam...



- You're contacted out of the blue by phone, email or social media about an investment opportunity
- You're pressurised into making a decision with no time to consider the investment
- You're offered a high return on your investment with apparently little or no risk
- You're told the investment opportunity is exclusive to you.

Take Five advice-

Stop: Taking a moment to stop and think before parting with your money or information could keep you safe.

Challenge: Could it be fake? It's ok to reject, refuse, or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.

Protect: Contact your bank immediately if you think you've fallen for a scam and report it to Action Fraud.



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