Common investment scams may include lucrative investment opportunities such as shares, bonds, cryptocurrencies, rare metals, overseas land investments or alternative energy.

**WHAT ARE THE SIGNS?**

- You are promised quick returns and assured that the investment is safe.
- The offer is only available for limited time.
- You receive an unsolicited call, repeatedly.
- The offer is only available to you and you are asked not to share it.

**WHAT CAN YOU DO?**

- Always get impartial financial advice before you hand over any money or make an investment.
- Reject cold calls related to investment opportunities.
- Be suspicious of offers promising a safe investment, guaranteed returns and large profits.
- Beware of future scams. If you have already invested in a scam, fraudsters are likely to target you again or sell your details to other criminals.
- Contact the police if you are suspicious.

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Online deals are often a good buy, but beware of scams.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Use domestic retail websites when possible – it will be more likely that you can sort out any problems.
- Do your research – check reviews before buying.
- Use credit cards – you have more chances of getting your money back.
- Pay only by using a secure payment service – Are they asking for a money transfer service or a wire transfer? Think twice!
- Pay only when connected to a secure internet connection – avoid using free or open public wifi.
- Pay only on a safe device – Keep your operating system and security software up to date.
- Beware of ads offering outrageous deals or miracle products – If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!
- A pop-up ad stating you have won a prize? Think twice, you might just win malware.
- If the product doesn’t arrive, contact the seller. If there is no answer, contact your bank.

Always report any suspected fraud attempt to the police, even if you did not fall victim to the scam.

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