

Scams

Threats & Extortion Scams

Scammers will use any means possible to steal your identity or your money – including threatening your life or 'hijacking' your computer.

Product & Service Scams

Scammers prey on consumers and businesses that are buying or selling products and services. Not every transaction is legitimate.

Jobs & Employment Scams

Jobs and employment scams trick you into handing over your money by offering you a 'guaranteed' way to make fast money or a high-paying job for little effort.

Unexpected Money

Don't be lured by a surprise win. These scams try to trick you into giving money upfront or your personal information in order to receive a prize from a lottery or competition that you never entered.

Investment Scams

If you are looking for a fast way to make money, watch out – scammers have invented all sorts of fake money-making opportunities to prey on your enthusiasm and get hold of your cash.

Romance Scams

Scammers use dating or friendship to get your money. They go to great lengths to convince you the relationship is real and manipulate you to give them money. Romance scammers will leave you broke and broken-hearted.

Impersonation Scams

Identity theft is a type of fraud that involves using someone else's identity to steal money or gain other benefits.

The Australian Government's National Anti-Scam Centre have a website called Scam Watch:
<https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/types-of-scams>

The website identifies ways in which scammers may try to reach you:

- text or SMS scams
- email scams
- phone scams
- social media scams
- website scams
- in-person scams

Simple Steps to Spot & Avoid Scams.

Some red flags to watch out for:

1. Opportunities to make or save money.
2. Sad stories and cries for help.
3. Links and attachments.
4. Pressure to act quickly.
5. Requests that you pay in an unusual or specific way.
6. Request to set up new accounts or PayIDs. Sometimes scammers use a combination of these tactics.