

Investment Scam Warning Signs

5 quick questions to ask before you send money

Check YES or NO for each question.

1. Are you being promised guaranteed profits or unusually high returns?

Legitimate investments have risks. Be wary of "risk-free" claims.

☐ YES

☐ NO

2. Are you being pressured to invest or transfer money immediately?

High-pressure deadlines can prevent you from checking the facts.

☐ YES

☐ NO

3. Did the opportunity come from an unexpected message or online contact?

Scammers build trust through social media, texts, and dating apps.

☐ YES

☐ NO

4. Are you being asked to pay extra fees or taxes to withdraw funds?

Additional withdrawal payments are a major scam warning sign.

☐ YES

☐ NO

5. Are you being told to keep the investment secret or mislead your bank?

A trustworthy investment should withstand independent questions.

☐ YES

☐ NO

If you checked YES to any question:

Stop and verify the opportunity independently before transferring money. One warning sign does not prove fraud, but it deserves closer attention.

IF YOU SUSPECT A SCAM

Stop payments. Save messages, website links, receipts, and wallet addresses. Contact your bank or exchange promptly. Report suspected fraud to [IC3.gov](https://www.ic3.gov) or [ReportFraud.ftc.gov](https://www.reportfraud.ftc.gov). Be cautious of anyone promising guaranteed recovery.

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