All fraud should be reported to Action Fraud, however where the victim is vulnerable or elderly you may wish to contact your local police on 101.

**Action Fraud** Reporting online www.actionfraud.org.uk

Telephone reporting 03001232040

### Remember

- Be Wise, Be Safe, Be Sure.
- If in doubt don't do anything.
- Speak to a friend or relative.



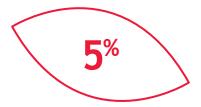
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people fall victim to scams or fraud every year

> Over £193 billion

Estimated losses to the **UK economy from scams** and fraud per year



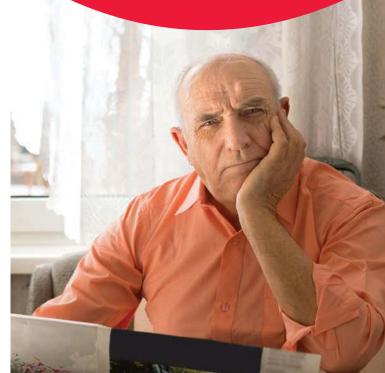
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# Common types of scams & fraud

#### Letterbox

Fake promises of lottery or prize wins, cheap 'miracle cures', home products or vitamins; false predictions of the future; claims from pretend lawyers or officials about a Will or pension. All these ways are to entice you to part with your money. If it looks too good to be true - it probably is.

#### **Telephone**

Conversations to encourage you to part with your personal details and financial information - selling worthless shares, non-existent land, pension promises, false faults with your computer or internet connection. Invest in a call blocker device

#### Computer

Emails from fraudsters pretending to be your bank asking you to share personal information, passwords and bank account details. Enticing emails with romantic intentions preying on your emotions to extort money; false claims of refunds due to you if you make a payment. Send all such emails to the trash bin.

#### **Doorstep**

Conmen selling goods or services that are not needed and overpriced or scammers posing as salesmen in order to enter your home to steal. Always ask for ID and use reputable tradesmen.

## A victim may...

Be suffering financial hardship

Have a huge number of letters

Have a large number of suspicious emails



Be withdrawing large sums of money

Be neglecting themselves



Have workmen doing unnecessary work

Be withdrawn (



Have a high volume of phone calls

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Wisdom and money can get you almost anything, but only wisdom can save your life.

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