## HOW TO SPOT FRAUD!

Fraudsters use a variety of channels to make unsolicited contact with their victims. **96**% of all phishing attacks begin with an email.









**Unsolicited** contact is made via email, SMS, phone or even social media.

## Financial fraud self-test

If you can answer yes to more than three questions, be careful. It could be an attempt at fraud.

	Yes	No
Have you been called, emailed or texted by an unknown person/company without being asked?		
Are you being promised a product/investment with a <b>fixed</b> return and <b>high profits</b> ?		
Are you being offered a cryptocurrency on an <b>unknown</b> trading platform?		
The time window for the purchase/entry is <b>narrow</b> and it is a larger one-off amount (from €250).		
Are you <b>unsure</b> who you are dealing with after several messages?		
The message contains <b>spelling mistakes</b> or sounds <b>suspicious</b> ?		
A new acquaintance from the Internet <b>asking</b> for money?		
The authenticity of the company is not verifiable?		

If you have been a victim of fraud or believe that the company that contacted you is acting fraudulently, contact them:

Financial market supervisory authority in your country

Cybercrime Reporting Centre

Police departments





## VERIFY AUTHENTICITY?

To verify the authenticity of a company or an offer, the following points can be considered

## Verify companies, but how?

Research Imprint available, headquarters visible, contact person, email address same domain, website working perfectly, real ratings/reviews available.
Registration Trade examination or entry in the relevant registers (especially in the investment and financial sector) e.g. extract from the trade register, website of the Financial Market Authority
Contact With official bodies and authorities or supervisory authorities, clarification of legal existence
<b>Media</b> Are there "real" articles from reputable sources, opinions from social media or from other people?
<b>Gut feeling</b> If something sounds too good to be true, be wary. Always be sceptical if you are offered an "unbelievably good" deal.
Specialist Seek independent financial advice from reputable bodies such as the Financial Services Authority or legal advice to check the authenticity of the offer.

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