

# **Avoid getting caught out by scams**

Beware being caught out by fraudsters. There are countless ways that criminals have found to scam people out of their money, but there are steps to take to be wiser about scams and report anything you suspect is a scam.

## **Scams**

If you respond to just one scam, your details are entered onto a list which can be used by other scammers. These are referred to as 'sucker lists'.

It's important that you seek help to avoid being scammed in the future.

Scams are ever changing and becoming more and more sophisticated and people are commonly targeted by email, phone and fake websites.

You can find out more, including a list of recent scams, in the following section:

## **Report a scam**

Many people who are scammed feel they are to blame to falling for it, but it's not their fault.

Reporting scams is vitally important, as:

- it helps catch fraudsters
- it can help to alert others and prevent them from falling victim

If you have – or know someone who has – been a victim of a scam or fraud, no matter how small, you should report it to the [PSNI, online to Consumerline](#) or [Action Fraud](#).

Remember, if it seems too good to be true, it probably is.

## **More useful links**