

SCAMS

TARGET YOU

PROTECT YOURSELF

PROTECT YOUR PHONE



Almost everyone will be the target of a scam at some time—you may have been already. Some scams are easy to spot while others can happen without you even knowing it.

Remember to exercise caution and follow the tips below to help protect you from phone scams.

YOU CAN PROTECT YOURSELF

Be suspicious of unexpected calls and text messages.

Be cautious, if in doubt hang up.

Don't give out your number to just anyone.

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PROTECT YOUR PHONE

If you receive a call with an offer that sounds too good to be true, it probably is—so hang up.

Be careful when giving your phone number to callers you don't know, even if they claim to be from a reputable organisation. Ask them why they need your number and what they will use it for.

Look out for terms and conditions which permit the organisation to give your number to anyone else.

Never call a telephone number that you see in a spam email.

If you have a phone/fax be wary of replying to unsolicited faxes. You might be replying to a disguised 0900 number which may be charged at a high rate.



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