Scam warning signs

The signs repeat. Learn the six, and the right move for each.



They rush you

Right move: Pause. Hang up or close the chat, then contact the real organization yourself.

They want secrecy

Right move: Tell someone you trust, and call your bank using the number on your card.

They ask for money in a strange way

Right move: Never pay a stranger with gift cards, cryptocurrency or cash. A real business takes a card.

They ask you to move money or share a code

Right move: Hang up. Call the number on the back of your card.

They contacted you first

Right move: Don’t tap links or reply. Open the real app or website yourself.

It sounds too good

Right move: Buy from the official site, and never invest with someone you only know by text.

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