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Don't let them con you.

There are hundreds of types of scams – fake lotteries and prize draws, incredible schemes to make money quickly, fake investments plans and work from home schemes – the list goes on and on.

The people who run these scams are clever and sophisticated and they know how to persuade us to part with our cash.

Most scams have some things in common – if the offer is too good to be true it is sure to be a scam.

How con men succeed – they will

- Catch you unawares, contacting you without you asking them to by phone, email.
Post or sometimes in person
- Sound pleasant, well spoken and kind (on the phone or at your door) and want you to think they are your friend
- Have slick, professional leaflets and letters
- Be persistent and persuasive
- Rush you to making a decision
- They give you a PO box number as their address
- They ask you not to tell anyone about the deal
- Ask you to send money up front; an administrative fee or tax, the list is endless but its always a ruse to get you to give them money
- Give them your bank details or other personal details
- Ring a premium rate number (all UK premium rate numbers start with 090)
- Ask you to buy something to get your prize
- Lie to you and give you what seems to be a good reason why you should do what they say
- Answer all your objections

Don't send any money or give any personal details to anyone until you have checked them out.

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