

# SCAMS

## TARGET YOU

### PROTECT YOURSELF



**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  
HAPPEN WITHOUT YOU  
EVEN KNOWING IT.**

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#### **YOU CAN PROTECT YOURSELF**

##### **PROTECT YOUR MONEY**

- ✓ Never respond to an email asking for your PINs and passwords.
- ✓ Never send money to someone you don't know or trust.
- ✓ Only invest with licensed financial services providers.

##### **PROTECT YOUR PHONE**

- ✓ Be suspicious of unexpected calls and text messages.
- ✓ Hang up. Or text 'STOP' to unwanted messages.
- ✓ Don't give out your number to just anyone.

##### **PROTECT YOUR COMPUTER**

- ✓ Keep your protection software up to date.
- ✓ Don't respond in any way to unsolicited emails.
- ✓ If in doubt, delete.

##### **PROTECT YOUR IDENTITY**

- ✓ Never give out your personal information to someone you don't know or trust.
- ✓ Don't just bin it—destroy it (old bills, records or expired cards).
- ✓ Check your credit report at least once a year

To find out more about scams and to report scams visit  
**[www.scamwatch.gov.au](http://www.scamwatch.gov.au)** or call **1300 795 995**.

For TTY service call **1300 303 609**.