

## Common COVID-19 Scams

Important  
advice on how  
to avoid falling  
victim to  
scams

### IMPORTANT ADVICE - Keep Your Information Safe



Your bank will never ask you for your PIN number or passwords, and, never ask you to move money from your account into another so-called “safe” account.

Don't click on the links or attachments in suspicious emails or texts.

Never respond to unsolicited messages and calls that ask for your personal or financial details.

You can check a charity's name and registration number at [gov.uk/checkcharity](https://gov.uk/checkcharity)

#### Beware:

- Fake Free School Meals
- Fake Health Authority Messages
- Fake Charity Donations
- Fake News/Press Reporting
- Fake Payment Update Texts
- Fake Good Samaritans
- Fake Officials
- Fake Suppliers
- Mandate/Change of Account
- Fake Investments
- Fake Medical Treatment/Testing
- Illegal Lending and Loan Sharks

#### Report It

Action Fraud (The Fraud reporting centre) and the Police can only know of new scams if you tell them about it. Use Action Fraud's reporting site [www.actionfraud.police.uk](https://www.actionfraud.police.uk)

#### Spread The Word

Make sure your friends and family are aware of where to find out about COVID-19 scams. Tell vulnerable members of your family about the scams. Ask them if they have had any contact from potential fraudsters using the scams detailed below. Use Social Media to spread the word about the scams identified by Action Fraud.

#### Action Fraud website

[www.actionfraud.police.uk](https://www.actionfraud.police.uk)

#### Follow Action Fraud on Twitter and Facebook

@actionfrauduk

<https://www.facebook.com/actionfraud/>

#### Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline

0808 223 1133

[www.adviceguide.org.uk](https://www.adviceguide.org.uk)

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