

Spot Investment Scams Checklist:

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ONLINE PROMOTIONS

Don't expect to get rich quick

Research online information the same way that you would any news magazine article, television report, or 'hot tip'.

Be careful with your personal information

It is unusual for legitimate businesses to ask for your personal information via email.

Don't be lured by claims of 'insider information'

Disclosing 'insider information' to a select group of people is illegal. Be wary of such claims.

Delete and block spam emails

Don't reply to these emails. You can also install anti-spam software that prevents spam emails from reaching your inbox.

Don't judge a book by its cover

Many investing websites look professional, but they lack key information about the company's management, where it is located, and the nature of the investment.

Do an online search

See if the investment, individual, or company name comes up when you search it online. You might be surprised at what you find.

Make sure you have all the information you need to make a decision

E-mail your questions to the person offering you the investment. Get independent advice on the responses you receive.

Keep printed and written records of all correspondence

This could be useful if you need to make a complaint or take legal action

REPORT SUSPICIOUS INVESTMENT ACTIVITY

Your care and attention may save a friend, family member or member of your community from falling victim to an investment scam.

You can call or e-mail the BC Securities Commission to find out more.

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