

Spot Investment Scams Checklist:

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COLD CALLS & E-MAIL PROMOTIONS

Be wary

If a salesperson says an investment opportunity is too good to pass up, don't bow to pressure to make any decision on the spot. Say no, and hang up if someone is pushing you to invest.

Stick with your own investment goals

Don't let someone persuade you to invest in an opportunity that isn't right for you.

Seek independent advice

If it's a legitimate opportunity, it's not going away. Run it by a professional who is independent of the deal, like a lawyer or registered investment advisor.

Give yourself some peace of mind

Research the company or individual that is offering the investment. Ensure that you make an informed decision.

Check to see if the salesperson is registered

Conduct an online registration search through the British Columbia Securities Commission's (InvestRight.org) website or call to check.

Conduct background checks

Find out if there has been any disciplinary action or enforcement action taken against the companies and individuals involved in the proposed investment opportunity.

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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www.InvestRight.org