



# BEWARE OF EMPLOYMENT SCAMS

Employment scams are usually advertised on legitimate employment sites, social media or you might be contacted by emails, letter or phone.

The advertisement usually requires you do something simple which requires little or no experience, provides flexible working hours and offers high income.

## PROTECT YOURSELF

- Be suspicious of unsolicited 'work from home' opportunities or job offers, particularly those that offer a 'guaranteed income' or require you to pay an upfront fee.
- If the job involves making or selling a certain type of product or service, find out if there is really a market for it.
- Ask for references from other people who have done the work or used the product and make the effort to speak to these people.
- Do not deal with an employer or company that does not have a street address, they can be difficult to contact or trace later on.
- Avoid any arrangement with a stranger that asks for up-front payment via money order, wire transfer, international funds transfer, pre-loaded card or electronic currency. It is rare to recover money sent this way.
- Never agree to transfer money for someone else - this is money laundering and it is a criminal offence.

**IF YOU THINK YOU'VE BEEN SCAMMED, REPORT IT TO [SCAMWATCH.GOV.AU/REPORT-A-SCAM](https://www.scamwatch.gov.au/report-a-scam)**