

## Dangerous myths about scams...

- X All companies, businesses and organisations are legitimate
- X All Internet websites are legitimate
- X There are shortcuts to wealth that only a few people know.
- X Scams involve large amounts of money
- X Scams are always about money.

## Don't be a victim of scammers

Report them to SCAMwatch

[www.scamwatch.gov.au](http://www.scamwatch.gov.au)  
Call 1300 795 995

For TTY service call 1300 303 609

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Every year  
**1 in 20 Aussies**  
fall victim  
to scams

Most scams need you to do something before they can work like providing your personal information or sending money . . .

**DON'T RESPOND!**

## Scammers rip you off:

- being persistent and persuasive
- making promises of true love, great prizes or easy money
- pretending to be legitimate banks and businesses
- using leaflets, letters and web sites that look like the real thing
- asking you to send money, personal details or fees before delivering anything
- asking you to keep the deal or offer a secret.

# Protect yourself

1. **AVOID** ripoffs. Treat all unsolicited promises and requests for your details carefully. **STOP**. Don't respond.
2. **CHECK** to see if the request is legitimate and research the person, company and offer.
3. **GET** independent advice if the offer involves money, time or commitment.
4. **NEVER** respond to out of the blue requests for personal details.
5. **DON'T** use contact details provided in offers or requests — find them independently.
6. **DESTROY** old bills, records, and expired cards — don't just bin them.
7. **CHECK** your credit report at least once a year.