

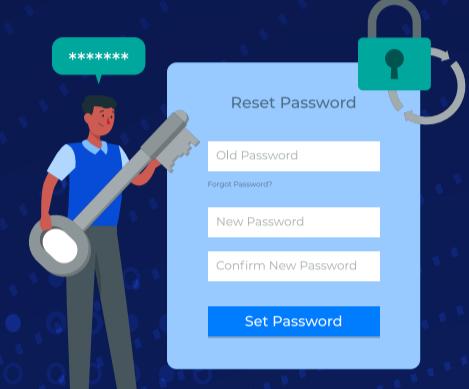
# SCAMMED?

What to do if you think you have been scammed? If you think you have been scammed, it's crucial to take immediate action to mitigate the damage and potentially recover any losses. Here's a list of recommendations if you have fallen victim to a scam:



## DOCUMENT EVERYTHING

Gather all communication, emails, messages, transaction records, or any other evidence related to the scam. Document dates, times, names, and any details that could be useful in investigating or reporting the incident.



## CHANGE PASSWORDS

If you shared passwords or account credentials with the scammer, change these passwords immediately. Ensure you use strong, unique passwords for each account.



## ONLINE PLATFORMS

If the scam occurred on an online platform (e.g., a scam seller on an e-commerce site), report the incident to the platform's customer support or fraud department. They may be able to assist with resolution.



## BE CAUTIOUS OF FOLLOW-UP SCAMS

Scammers may attempt to follow up with additional scams, claiming they can help you recover your losses or offering similar fraudulent opportunities. Be extremely cautious of any unsolicited contact.



## WARN OTHERS

Share your experience with friends and family to raise awareness about the scam and help others avoid falling victim to it. Share in our The Anti-Scam Movement community Page.



## STAY CALM

While it's natural to feel panicked or upset, try to remain calm. Taking swift and clear-headed action is essential in addressing the situation.



## CONTACT YOUR FINANCIAL INSTITUTION

If the scam involved financial transactions, contact your bank or credit card company immediately. Inform them of the situation, dispute any unauthorized charges, and inquire about fraud protection measures.



## REPORT TO AUTHORITIES

File a report with your local law enforcement agency. Provide them with all the evidence and information you have gathered. Depending on the nature of the scam, consider reporting to relevant authorities or consumer protection agencies. They can provide guidance and may also issue warnings to help others avoid similar scams. Go to "Report a Scam" to find out more.



## EDUCATE YOURSELF

Learn from the experience. Understand how the scam happened and what warning signs you missed. This knowledge can help you avoid falling victim to similar scams in the future.



## SEEK LEGAL ADVICE

Depending on the severity of the scam and the amount of money involved, consider consulting an attorney to explore legal options for recovering losses or pursuing legal action against the scammer.

Remember that time is of the essence when dealing with a scam. The sooner you take action to report the incident and protect your financial assets, the better your chances of minimizing the damage and potentially apprehending the scammer.