

What is a Work From Home Scam?

A Work From Home Scam is a fake job offer where fraudsters:

- Promise high salary for simple tasks
- Ask for registration fees or deposits
- Steal personal/banking information
- Disappear after receiving money

In India, these are handled under the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) under the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Common Types of WFH Scams

Data Entry Scam

- Offer ₹20,000–₹50,000 per week
- Ask for “security deposit” ₹1,000–₹5,000
- Send fake legal notice if you refuse to pay penalty

Online Form Filling Scam

- Promise payment per form
- Later say “accuracy below 90%”
- Demand penalty ₹10,000–₹50,000

Amazon / Flipkart Review Scam

Fraudsters pretend to represent:

- Amazon
- Flipkart

They ask you to:

- Invest money to “boost product ratings”
- Promise commission
- Then block you

Telegram Task Scam

Mostly on:

- Telegram

- WhatsApp

They:

- Add you to group
- Give small initial payment to build trust
- Ask for bigger investment
- Disappear

Fake HR / Job Portal Scam

They claim to represent:

- TCS
- Infosys
- Wipro

Red flags:

- Gmail/Yahoo email ID (not official domain)
- No interview
- Ask for training fee

How They Trap You (Psychology)

Scammers use:

- Urgency (“Limited seats”)
- Greed (High salary, low effort)
- Fear (Legal notice threats)
- Social proof (Fake screenshots of payments)

How Money is Collected

- UPI transfer
- QR code payment
- Crypto wallets
- Fake websites
- Mule bank accounts

Once sent → difficult to recover

Red Flags

Asking money before joining
No proper company website

Only Telegram/WhatsApp communication

Too good salary for simple work

No real interview

How to Stay Safe

Never pay for a job

Check company website domain carefully

Search company name + “scam” on Google

Verify HR on LinkedIn

Report immediately on 1930 if money lost (within 2