



# Stop Cryptocurrency Scams

## Does this sound familiar?

- Were you encouraged to send cryptocurrency to repair a virus on your computer?
- Were you told the only way to protect your money was by making deposits to cryptocurrency ATMs?
- Did someone ask you to lie to the bank or keep the reason for your cryptocurrency purchase a secret?
- Are you in a relationship with someone online who is asking you to send them cryptocurrency purchased at an ATM?
- Has anyone promised high returns on a cryptocurrency investment?
- Did someone representing a government agency or law enforcement organization call and request you provide cryptocurrency to satisfy a warrant, a fine, or to post a bond for a relative in jail or prison?

**\*\* Scammers may use cryptocurrencies because the transactions are irreversible & hard to trace \*\***

A scammer typically makes initial contact with a potential victim through text messages, direct messages on social media, or other communication tools and platforms, usually under the guise of accidentally reaching a wrong number or trying to re-establish a connection with an old friend.

Once trust or a relationship has been established, the scammer will introduce the victim to a supposedly lucrative investment opportunity in virtual currency and direct them to use virtual currency investment websites or applications designed to appear legitimate, but which are fraudulent and ultimately controlled or manipulated by the scammer.

