

Scam Survival Guide

The triple threat of scams: shopping shams, joke jobs, and digital doppelgangers. Read on to find out more about Singapore's most common scams and how to identify them.



ONLINE RETAIL SCAMS

- 01 An unusually good deal for the latest smartphone attracts your attention online
- 02 You transfer payment to the 'seller' who promises to deliver the smartphone to you
- 03 The smartphone is never delivered to you. You are blocked by the 'seller' after confronting them about the situation



JOB SCAMS

- 01 An 'employer' sends you an unsolicited job offer offering high pay via a messaging app or social media
- 02 You are instructed to sign up for paid membership on a fraudulent website, and receive a commission for completing some tasks
- 03 After being asked to top up your membership, the commissions dry up and the 'employer' goes missing



IMPERSONATION SCAMS

- 01 A 'friend' of yours asks for your help to verify their account that has been blocked by Telegram
- 02 This allows the 'friend' to gain control of your account and access all your contacts
- 03 The 'friend' then targets your contacts for loans or uses information in existing chats to extort for money

To protect yourself against scams, look out for:



Unreasonably good shopping deals or job offers
If it's too good to be true, it usually is.



Phone numbers based outside of Singapore
Be suspicious of numbers from an unfamiliar entity or platform.



Requests to transfer money and unauthorised transactions
Do not agree to receive or transfer money on behalf of anyone or any company.



Requests for personal information
Do not set up accounts on unverified apps.

