

Protect yourself against **SCAMS**



A scam is a type of fraud where an individual or organisation makes money using illegal methods, especially by tricking people online or over the phone. While the chances of being targeted by a scammer is small, it's important to be aware they can try to deceive international students studying in Australia.

The best way to beat scammers is to know what to look for – following our list of steps will make it hard for them to trick you.



WHAT TO DO IF YOU RECEIVE A SUSPICIOUS MESSAGE

- If you answer a phone call and you're suspicious, hang up immediately
- Screenshot suspicious text messages, then delete them
- If the message claims to be from a known organisation, find independent contact details so you can check the legitimacy of what you've been told.
- Never share your personal information if asked, never click on any suspicious links and never send any money

IF YOU'VE BEEN SCAMMED

- Contact your bank immediately and cancel your credit or debit card
- Contact your phone company in case your account has been misused
- Report the scam to the WA Government through scamnet.wa.gov.au/scamnet
- Notify our International Student Support Team who can offer advice: help-international@uwa.edu.au

WATCH OUT FOR SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOUR, SUCH AS

- being contacted and asked for personal information
- receiving an 'urgent' text message, email or phone call asking you to take action
- a call, email or text from someone who claims to be from a reputable organisation but who asks you for money or secure personal details
- any communication with bad spelling, an unusual sender name or email address

Scammers create a sense of urgency through short deadlines, fake emergencies or threats of legal action so you'll act impulsively. If someone is requesting money from you and you have any doubts, discuss it with a trusted and reliable person.

DO NOT SEND MONEY.

For more information, visit uwa.edu.au/international-essentials