

Coronavirus scams



A **scam** is when someone tries to take your money by pretending to help you or by offering you something.



At the moment there are a lot of scams to do with the coronavirus.



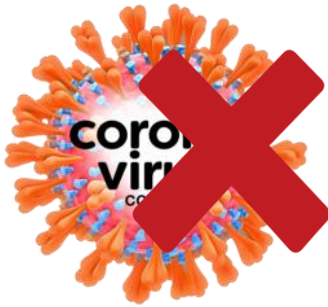
Some of the scams are where people get a text message or a phone call about:



- Paying a fine because you have broken the Government's coronavirus rules



- Paying for the coronavirus vaccine



- Buying a cure for coronavirus or something which will stop you catching coronavirus



The calls and texts might pretend to be from the Government, the police, the NHS or your GP surgery.

Phone calls



A scam phone call might ask you for information about yourself or your bank account.



A scam phone call might ask you to press a button for more information.



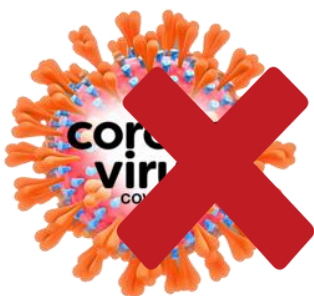
Texts

A scam text might ask you to click on a link to the internet, or to open an attachment.

How do you know if it is a scam?



The coronavirus vaccine is free.



At the moment, you cannot buy anything which is a cure for coronavirus or stops you getting coronavirus.

What should you do?



If you get a phone call which you think is a scam, hang up.



If you get a text message which you think is a scam, you can forward it to 7726.



If you think you have been tricked by a scam and have given someone information which means they might take your money, contact Action Fraud. Phone 0300 123 2040 or go to www.actionfraud.police.uk



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