

## **CRYPTOSCAM AWARENESS**

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## **RED FLAGS**

Exercise caution if a client asks you to invest in cryptocurrency and watch for these red flags:

- The client rapidly develops a trusting relationship with you.
- The client makes an impression of wealth and investment knowledge, claiming to have made their money through cryptocurrency.
- The client promises fast and high returns on your crypto investment.
- The client creates urgency to make a quick decision to invest.
- The client communicates only by phone, text, or email and refuses in-person interactions.

## **RECOMMENDED PRACTICES**

- Never respond to unsolicited texts, social media messages, or emails soliciting an investment.
- Be cautious when sharing personal information online, as scammers will exploit personal details to build trust.
- Recognize the red flags listed above.
- Thoroughly research any investment platform before making an investment.
  - Search online corporate records.
  - Check for registration with regulatory bodies such as the Securities and Exchange Commission.
- Immediately report suspected cryptocurrency fraud to <u>ic3.gov</u>, and local law enforcement.

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