

Don't Get Scammed

This Christmas

Trading Standards are urging vulnerable groups, including older people, single parents and families on low incomes, to be aware of scammers this Christmas. The OFT warn that the festive season is a time when people are likely to fall victim to scams that promise quick and easy cash rewards, especially in the current economic climate.

Some tips the OFT offer to help protect yourself are:

- ❖ If any offer looks too good to be true, it probably is. Trust your gut instincts.
- ❖ Never send money to anyone who says you have won a lottery or big prize. You'll never see your winnings.
- ❖ Always think twice – ask yourself 'can I afford to lose money on this?'
- ❖ Never disclose your bank account, credit card or personal details to people you don't know.
- ❖ Never ring an 090 number unless you're certain how much the call will cost and know what you are likely to receive.

If you think you have been the victim of a scam call Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06 for practical consumer advice or see their website at www.consumerdirect.gov.uk .

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