



SOLAS
learning works



**Adult
Literacy
for Life**

Online Scams



It is very difficult to be sure about what is real and what is fake online. It can also be difficult to spot a scam.

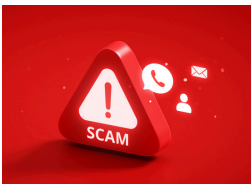
A scam is when someone tries to trick you into sending or buying something.



Scams are against the law. It is not your fault if someone tries to scam you.

Scams can be found:

- in emails and fake websites
- in ads and offers on social media and in games
- on the phone
- in online quizzes





SOLAS
learning works



**Adult
Literacy
for Life**



Scams will tell you that something needs to be done urgently or that you will have to pay a fine if you do not send money or personal details.

There are lots of different types of scams.



Financial Scams – someone you do not know tries to get you to send them money.



Phishing Scams – someone sends an email that looks like it's from a real company saying you have to pay a fine or that you've won money and you have to send your bank details.



Romantic Scams – someone creates a fake account on a dating app. They pretend to like you and then ask for your help by sending them money.



SOLAS
learning works



Adult
Literacy
for Life



Impersonator Scams – someone uses AI to fake a voice of someone you know to scam you.



Always stop and think if you are asked to send money or share information about yourself online from someone that you do not know. Tell someone you trust and they will help you to work out if it's a scam.

There are lots of ways to keep yourself safe.



- Do not click on the ads or offers that you see on social media pages, websites or when you are gaming.



- If you get a phone call and you do not recognise the number then let them leave a message.



SOLAS
learning works



**Adult
Literacy
for Life**



- Make sure you know how to block callers.



- Don't open any links that you see in the email and delete if you think they could be a scam.



- Get in touch with your bank if you have sent money or shared your bank details with someone.



You can also report the crime at your local Garda station at **gardai.ie** and contact **hotline.ie**.



Irish Internet Hotline
www.hotline.ie