

Whittington Goddard

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INDEPENDENT FINANCIAL PLANNERS

SCAMS AND FRAUD

If you are concerned or believe that you have been affected by scams or fraud then please contact us immediately:

Email: enquiry@wg-associates.co.uk

Telephone: 0114 235 1623

Scammers can be articulate and financially knowledgeable, with credible websites, testimonials and materials that are hard to distinguish from the real thing. Scammers design attractive offers to persuade you to transfer your investments or pension pot to them or to release funds from it. It is then invested in unusual and high-risk investments.

The most common financial scams targeting customers include:

- pension and investment scams
- banking and online account scams
- fake emails, letters and phone calls (phishing)
- foreign money transfer scams
- insurance and warranty schemes
- loan fee fraud
- money transfer scams

Fraudsters will often:

- contact you out of the blue
- apply pressure to invest quickly
- downplay the risks to your money
- promise tempting returns that sound too good to be true
- say that they're only making the offer available to you or even ask you to not tell anyone else about it

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Reject unexpected offers: If you're contacted out of the blue about your investments or pension, chances are it's high risk or a scam. Be wary of free review offers. A free offer out of the blue from a company you have not dealt with before is probably a scam.

Don't be rushed or pressured: Take your time to make all the checks you need – even if this means turning down an 'amazing deal'. Be wary of promised returns that sound too good to be true and don't be rushed or pressured into making a decision.

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