

# All these people have been scammed

Kare lost her house

Rob lost \$20,000 and had his identity stolen

Judith lost her life savings

Seisoni lost \$500 and missed his rent payment



They were all ripped off and lost money

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to see their full stories and find out how to protect yourself.

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*Scam victims portrayed by actors.*

# Protect yourself checklist

There are no guaranteed get-rich-quick schemes. Stay safe from scams.

- ✓ Always type in the website address of a website of a bank, business or authority in which you are interested instead of clicking on links – it's safer.
- ✓ Always look up phone numbers in an independent directory when you wish to check if a request or an offer is genuine.
- ✗ Don't respond to offers, deals or requests for your details. Stop. Take time to independently check the offer.
- ✗ Never send money or give credit card, bank account or other personal details to anyone who makes out of the blue offers or requests for information.
- ✗ Don't rely on glowing testimonials: find solid evidence from independent sources (not those provided with the offer).
- ✗ Don't click on a link provided in an unsolicited email as it will probably lead to a fake website designed to trap you.
- ✗ Don't use phone numbers provided with unsolicited requests – there may well be a scammer at the end of the line.

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