

Don't let them con you

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Scam: **Lost £10,000 to
prize draw scams**



How to avoid becoming the victim of a scam

Every year, millions of innocent people lose money to scams that come by post or phone such as fake lottery and prize draw wins, bogus psychic predictions and 'miracle' health cures. Avoid becoming a victim by following some simple tips.

- X** Never reply straight away to an offer. Speak to a relative, friend, neighbour or your carer before you do anything.
- X** Never send money to anyone who says you've won the lottery or a big prize – you'll never see your promised winnings.
- X** Never give your bank account details or other personal information to people you don't know.
- X** Never ring an 090 number unless you're certain how much the call will cost and know what you are likely to receive.
- X** Never send money off in response to bogus psychic mailings. Identical letters predicting good or bad luck are sent to thousands of people.

If you suspect a scam, before sending any money call Consumer Direct for clear, practical advice on **08454 04 05 06**.



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