

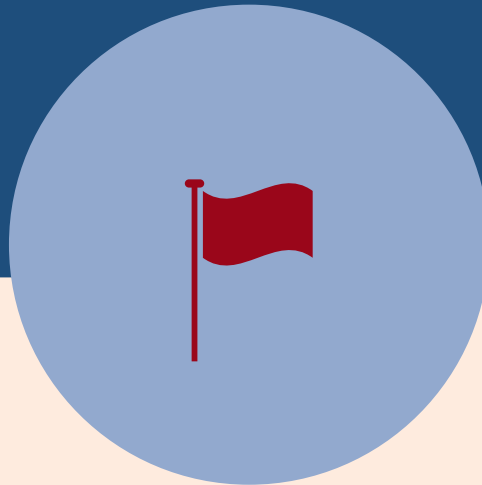
10 RED FLAGS OF FRAUD



UNSOLICITED REQUESTS

Be cautious of unsolicited emails, phone calls, or messages asking for personal or financial information. Legitimate organizations typically don't ask for sensitive data through such channels.

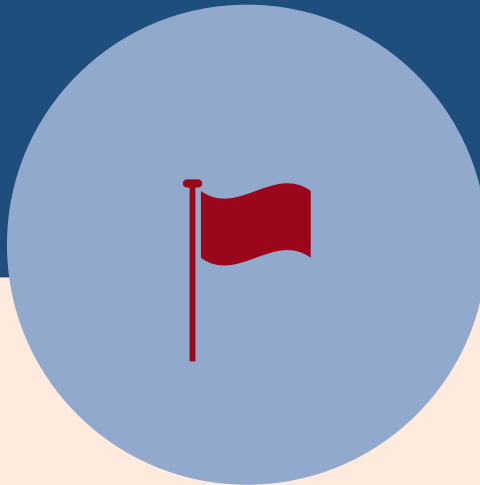
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TO GOOD TO BE TRUE OFFERS

Offers that promise unrealistically high returns on investments or products at extremely low prices could be signs of fraudulent schemes.

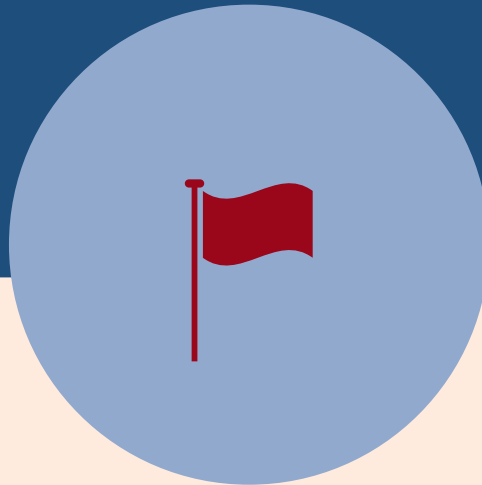
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PRESSURE TO ACT QUICKLY

Scammers often create a sense of urgency to pressure individuals into making hasty decisions without proper research or thinking.

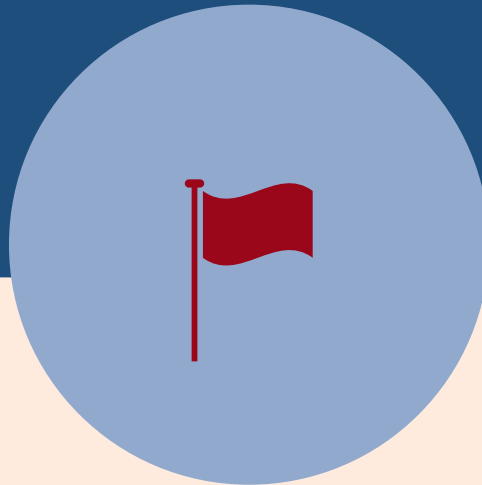
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UNVERIFIED CONTACTS

Check the legitimacy of the person or organization contacting you. Look up official contact information and independently verify it before sharing any information.

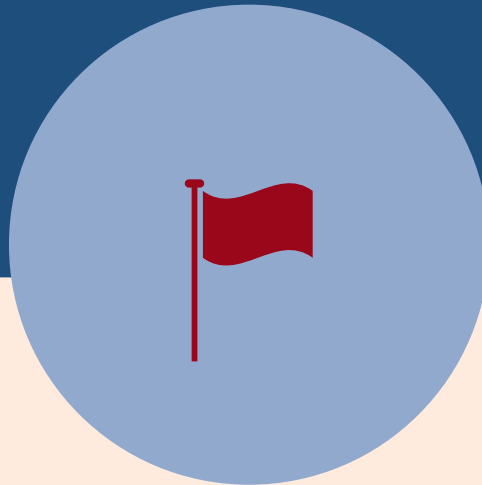
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REQUESTS FOR PAYMENT UPFRONT

If you're asked to pay a fee or provide payment before receiving a service or product, especially if it's unexpected, it could be a red flag.

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INCONSISTENT INFORMATION

Discrepancies between what's being presented and what you know to be true, such as mismatched logos, official names, or addresses, should raise suspicion.

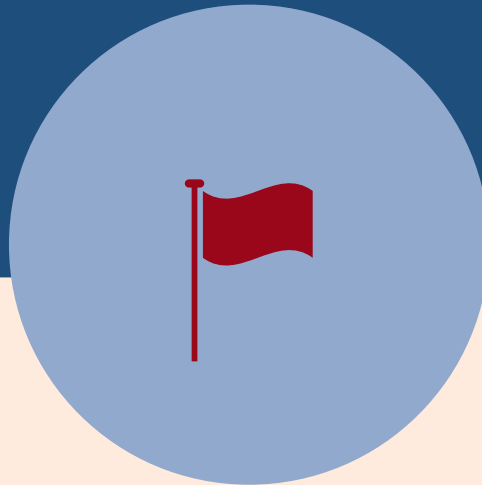
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REFUSAL OF DETAILED INFORMATION

Legitimate businesses and organizations should be willing to provide clear and detailed information about their services, products, and terms.

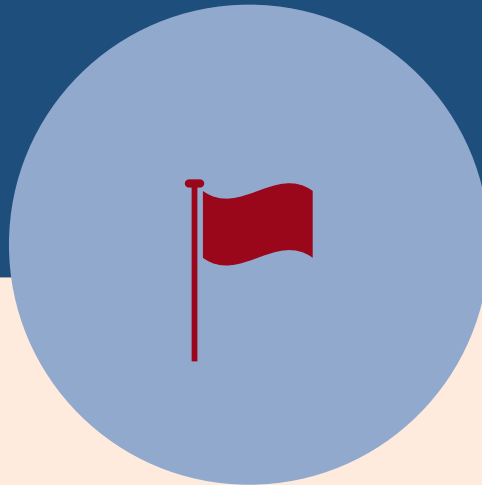
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UNSECURE WEBSITES

Always ensure the website you're dealing with has a secure connection (look for "https" and a padlock icon) when sharing personal or financial information.

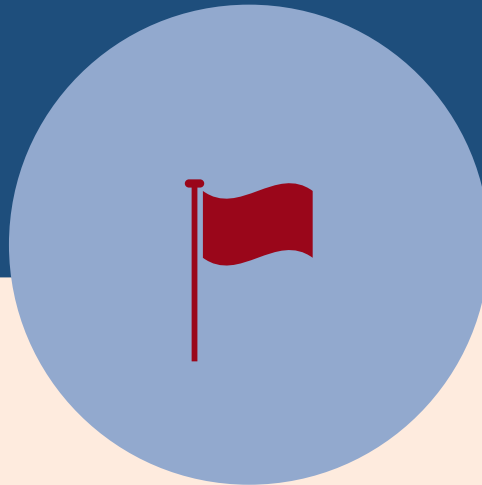
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HIGH PRESSURE SALES TACTICS

Aggressive sales tactics designed to make you commit quickly without adequate research or thought are often used in fraudulent schemes.

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UNUSUAL PAYMENT METHODS

Be cautious if you're asked to make payments using unconventional methods, such as wire transfers, gift cards, or cryptocurrencies, as these are often difficult to trace and can indicate a scam.

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