SCAM SAFETY CHECKLIST · A COMPANION TO OUR BLOG

Before you act, *pause and check.*

The key checks from our blog, *Protect Yourself From AI Scams*, on one page. Keep it somewhere handy.

STEP ONE

Spot the signs

- [ ] **Urgency.** Am I being rushed?
- [ ] **Secrecy.** Am I told to keep it quiet?
- [ ] **Money or codes.** Am I asked to move money or share a code?
- [ ] **"Safe account".** Am I told to move my funds somewhere "safe"?
- [ ] **Impersonation.** Does it claim to be my bank, HMRC or Wells Gibson?

Two together, or out of the blue? That's your cue to pause.

STEP TWO

Before you send anything

- [ ] Did they get in touch out of nowhere?
- [ ] Do I already know this person or firm?
- [ ] Am I about to send money, gift cards or personal details?

STEP THREE

If something doesn't feel right

1. **Don't click any links or reply.**
2. **Hang up and call back** on a number you already trust, never one from the message.
3. **Money moving right now?** Call your bank immediately.
4. **Report it** using the contacts below.

OUR PROMISE TO YOU

Wells Gibson will never...

- ⊗ Ask you to move money or confirm a password out of the blue
- ⊗ Ask for a one time code sent to your phone
- ⊗ Contact you about a bank detail change you haven't discussed with us

If it happens, it isn't us. *Call the office on a number you already have.*

AT RISK RIGHT NOW	POLICE SCOTLAND	REST OF THE UK	SUSPICIOUS EMAILS	SUSPICIOUS TEXTS
999	101	reportfraud.police.uk	report@phishing.gov.uk	7726
If it's happening now	Non emergency line	Report Fraud	Forward the email	Forward the text

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RISK WARNING

Wells Gibson provides financial planning advice. This checklist is for general information only and does not constitute financial advice. It should not be relied upon as a substitute for professional advice tailored to your individual circumstances.

We will never ask you to move money, share a password, or provide a one time code out of the blue. If you are ever unsure whether a communication is genuinely from us, please contact the office directly using a number you already have.

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