

# INVESTMENT SCAMS

Common investment scams may include lucrative investment opportunities such as shares, bonds, cryptocurrencies, rare metals, overseas land investments or alternative energy.

## WHAT ARE THE SIGNS?

- You are promised quick returns and assured that the investment is safe.
- The offer is only available for limited time.
- You receive an unsolicited call, repeatedly.
- The offer is only available to you and you are asked not to share it.



The illustration depicts a financial dashboard with various charts, a world map, and a person climbing a ladder, symbolizing investment and risk. A woman stands on the left holding a document, and a man stands on the right holding a document. A credit card is shown in the bottom right corner.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- **Always get impartial financial advice** before you hand over any money or make an investment.
- **Reject cold calls** related to investment opportunities.
- **Be suspicious** of offers promising a safe investment, guaranteed returns and large profits.
- **Beware of future scams.** If you have already invested in a scam, fraudsters are likely to target you again or sell your details to other criminals.
- **Contact the police** if you are suspicious.