



# Crime Prevention News

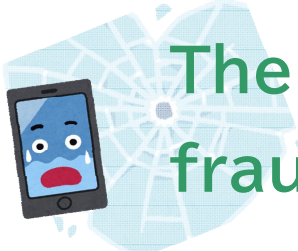
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## The number of victims of investment fraud have been increasing!

### So what are some tell-tale signs to help you look out for investment fraud?

• When investment opportunities appear in ads or pop-ups on social media or a stranger directly contacts you on social media about investment opportunities, it is most likely a scam.

• When an unknown stranger invites many people into a group chat and asks you to invest in the foreign exchange market or cryptocurrency. They will also make promises that there will be zero loss on your principal and you will only gain profit.

• They will try and trick you by making it seem as though they are making a profit but continue to ask for money.



In many cases, after repeatedly asking for money, the culprit will suddenly break off all contact with you leaving you unable to get back your money!

### Ways to protect your money



★ If someone you met on social media asks you for an investment with an offer that seems too good to be true, such as guaranteeing making a profit, it is most likely a scam you should avoid! Be wary of these offers.

★ No matter the circumstances make sure to take care when talking about money and keep your information private!



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