

# Wash your hands of coronavirus scams!

## Businesses Against Scams can help your company's employees learn how to spot and stop scams.

Criminals are working harder than ever to target people that are working from home.

### **STOP** be aware of suspicious communications such as:

- Emails or text messages claiming to be from a senior person in your company asking for private business information or to make a payment
- Emails claiming to be from a regular or new supplier asking for Direct Debit instructions to be changed
- People phoning claiming to offer tech support for your home IT network
- Government agencies offering to help your business claim for COVID-19 grants or tax relief

### **CHALLENGE** encourage your employees to question communications:

- Take your time to think about what people are asking of you
- Understand that emails and text messages can be spoofed so that it looks genuine
- If you're in any doubt, pick up the phone and talk to someone in your team or your line manager for a second opinion
- Report all suspicious activity to Action Fraud
- Check the request has come from a genuine source by using contact information you know to be correct
- Only use your trusted IT support desk if you have one, confirm this with your employer

Help to protect your business and keep it scam free.

**Read it.  
Share it.  
Prevent it.**

**#coronavirus  
#scamaware**



### **PROTECT: Report all suspicious communications**

To report a scam call Action Fraud on **0300 123 2040**  
Contact your bank if you think you have been scammed.

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To learn more about the different types of scams visit [www.FriendsAgainstScams.org.uk/BAS](http://www.FriendsAgainstScams.org.uk/BAS)