

**PARENT TOPIC 7  
SCAMS**

# What is a scam?

The people organising a scam usually have a prepared story and a hook to lure people in.

They usually manage to in a large number of people who often feel too guilty or embarrassed to report the scam to the authorities like the Office of Fair Trading, or the Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC), or sometimes the police.

## Scams

There are lots of examples – here's just a few you may have come across:

- 'Free' mobile phones
- 'Cheap' home security systems
- 'High return no risk' investments
- 'Cheap' consolidation of all your debts into one
- Home loan wrapping
- Some products sold over the phone or door to door.

For more information see **ASIC's FIDO website at:** [www.fido.gov.au/](http://www.fido.gov.au/)  
**The Office of Fair Trading website:** [www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au](http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au)