

WEBSITE SCAM CHECK

Crypto Investment Website — Scam Check

Print this. Stick it on the fridge. Or save it to your phone.

Quick Risk Checklist — Tick Any That Apply

- The site promises guaranteed daily, weekly, or monthly returns — anything "guaranteed" in crypto is a lie.
- The URL is unfamiliar and the platform isn't listed on CoinMarketCap or CoinGecko's exchange rankings.
- Your "account balance" grows fast — but you can't actually withdraw without paying "taxes," "fees," or making a bigger deposit.
- The person who introduced you is someone you met on a dating app, social media, or via a wrong-number text.
- The site has slick UI but vague About / Team / Contact pages.
- Customer service is available only via WhatsApp, Telegram, or in-app chat — never phone.

What To Do Right Now

- Don't deposit anything more. The "fees" to withdraw are themselves the scam — you'll never get any money out.
- Cut contact with the person who introduced you. They're either a scammer or being held captive in a scam compound (these are real and increasingly common).
- Don't believe screenshots of your balance. Those numbers are made up by the platform — they reflect nothing real.
- Report immediately at ic3.gov AND at cftc.gov/complaint. The FBI tracks pig-butcherings cases actively.

How To Verify Safely

- Search the platform's name on CoinMarketCap and CoinGecko. Legit exchanges are listed; pig-butcherings sites are not.
- Check the FBI's IC3 alerts and BBB Scam Tracker for the platform name and URL.
- Real exchanges have phone support and clear regulatory licenses (US: BitLicense, MSB registration). Pig-butcherings sites have neither.
- If returns look too good to be true, they are. Bitcoin's long-term annualized return is ~50%/year with extreme volatility. Anyone promising guaranteed monthly returns is lying.

Where To Report It

- FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center — ic3.gov ■
- Commodity Futures Trading Commission — cftc.gov/complaint ■
- FTC Consumer Fraud — reportfraud.ftc.gov ■
- Your State Attorney General — Search Your State + "Attorney General Complaint"

If You Already...

- Sent Crypto — see [/recovery/sent-money/](#)
- Paid "Withdrawal Fees" — see [/recovery/sent-money/](#)
- Connected A Wallet — see [/recovery/connected-wallet-to-scam/](#)
- Shared Your Seed Phrase — see [/recovery/shared-a-password/](#)
- Installed The Platform App — see [/recovery/installed-remote-access/](#)

Sent ID Documents — see </recovery/shared-personal-info/>