

## JOB OFFER SCAM CHECK

# LinkedIn Recruiter DM — Scam Check

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

## Quick Risk Checklist — Tick Any That Apply

- The recruiter's LinkedIn profile is new, has few connections, or vague work history.
- Within messages, they move the conversation to WhatsApp or Telegram.
- The company's LinkedIn page has no real employees, or the company has no real website.
- Pay is unusually high for the listed role.
- Interview is text-only or on chat — no video, no real phone.
- Onboarding requires a check deposit, equipment purchase, or upfront ID/banking share.

## What To Do Right Now

- Don't move to WhatsApp or Telegram. Insist on keeping conversation on LinkedIn or moving to a verifiable corporate email.
- Look up the company independently — LinkedIn company page, official website, employee count, real funding/news mentions.
- Insist on a video interview with a real employee whose LinkedIn profile is established (3+ years, real connections, real posts).
- Never deposit checks, pay for equipment, or send ID/banking info upfront. Report scam profiles to LinkedIn directly.

## How To Verify Safely

- Check the recruiter's profile age, connections, and post history. Real recruiters have 500+ connections, multi-year history, and a verifiable employer.
- Verify the company independently. Type the company name in a search engine — check website, LinkedIn page, employee count, and recent press.
- Insist on video interviews with someone whose LinkedIn profile checks out.
- Real recruiters use @companyname.com email — not Gmail, not WhatsApp, not Telegram.

## Where To Report It

- LinkedIn Trust & Safety — Report Profile From Their LinkedIn Page → More → Report
- FTC Consumer Fraud — [reportfraud.ftc.gov](https://reportfraud.ftc.gov) ■
- FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center — [ic3.gov](https://ic3.gov) ■
- BBB Scam Tracker — [bbb.org/scamtracker](https://bbb.org/scamtracker) ■

## If You Already...

- Deposited A Check — see [/recovery/deposited-fake-check/](#)
- Bought Equipment — see [/recovery/sent-money/](#)
- Sent ID Documents — see [/recovery/shared-personal-info/](#)
- Shared Bank Info — see [/recovery/shared-bank-info/](#)
- Shipped A Package — see [/recovery/shipped-package-for-scam/](#)
- Moved To WhatsApp / Tg — see [/recovery/talked-to-scammer/](#)