



## Beware of scams -

# A global pandemic will not stop fraudsters!

The internet is a lifeline during this period of lock down but you must be aware of scams trying to steal your personal information and banking details. **Watch out for the following:**





**Fake products** being sold online such as health supplements claiming to prevent the virus, fake hand sanitisers, masks or swab kits.

• **Fake emails** and texts from the World Health Organisation asking you to click on a link offering advice of how to avoid the virus. This is a phishing email tricking people to open malicious attachments or give away password.


• **Fake websites** asking for donations in order to carry out COVID 19 research.

## Follow these simple steps to avoid scammers


 Never click on links sent in emails and texts from people you don't know.

 Spelling mistakes and poor grammar in an email or text might indicate it is fraudulent.

 Never use public WIFI to do online banking or shopping.

 Never give out your bank details over the phone or in an email – your bank or utility company will never ask for these online.

 Use a strong secure password – using a mix of letters and numbers.

 Make sure there is a **padlock symbol** in your browser – this means the website is secure.