

INFORMATION SHEET

WEEK 26

Wash your hands of coronavirus scams!

Friends Against Scams aims to protect and prevent people from becoming victims of scams.

STOP. Be aware of people offering or selling:

- Virus testing kits
- Vaccines or miracle cures – there is currently no vaccine or cure.
- Overpriced or fake goods to protect yourself from coronavirus such as anti-bacterial products.
- Shopping or medication collection services.
- Home decontamination services.

CHALLENGE. Question communications and encourage others to do the same.

- Don't be rushed into making a decision. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- Only purchase goods and services from legitimate retailers and take a moment to think before parting with money or personal information.
- Don't assume everyone is genuine. It's okay to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you. If in doubt, speak to someone you trust.
- If someone claims to represent a charity, ask them for ID. Be suspicious of requests for money up front. If someone attempts to pressurise you into accepting a service they are unlikely to be genuine. Check with family and friends before accepting offers of help if you are unsure.

Be a good Friend,
help to protect
your family,
friends and
neighbours from
scams.

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

#ScamAware
#Coronavirus



PROTECT. Contact:

If you think you have been scammed, contact your bank first.
For advice on scams, call the Citizens Advice Consumer Helpline on
0808 223 11 33.
To report a scam, call Action Fraud on **0300 123 2040.**

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To learn more about different types of scams, visit: www.FriendsAgainstScams.org.uk