How to Spot Scam Mail

Types of scam mail:
- Lottery/competition scams
- Clairvoyants
- Fake tax letters/pensions/investments
- Miracle cures
- Romance letters

Scam Mail Checklist

1. Bad spelling
2. Prize is too good to be true
3. Have you entered the competition?
4. Asks you to send money to claim your prize
5. Asks for personal details
6. Uses a general address like a PO Box
7. Puts you under pressure to reply quickly
8. Asks you to keep it a secret
9. Have you heard of the company?
10. Watermarks like win, barcodes, seals or codes are often used by scammers.

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Mr Smith

Congratulations! You have been selected to win £10,000 from the lottery! Send £10 to claim your £10,000! Send your name, address and bank details to PO Box 12234 to win by 8 March! Sshhh it’s a surprise – don’t tell friends or family.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Jones

Win.com
Scam mail is only sent to take money from you. It is very important to always be scam aware.

• Never send money or personal or banking details to anyone you don't know personally.

• Ask family and friends or take legal advice before agreeing to an offer or sending money.

• Do not be embarrassed to report a scam – scammers target everyone so help us stop scam mail.

The most important thing to do is to report it.

If you think you’ve received scam mail, report it to:

Consumerline
Tel: 0300 123 6262

Action Fraud
Tel: 0300 123 2040

Royal Mail
Tel: 0800 0113 466

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scam test

Seems too good to be true
Contacted out of the blue
Asked for personal details
Money is requested