

CORONA VIRUS SCAM ALERT

WEST YORKSHIRE TRADING STANDARDS NEWSLETTER



West Yorkshire Trading Standards has seen an increase in the number of COVID-19 related scams.

What Scams are trending at the moment in West Yorkshire?

01 Phishing emails asking for NHS Donations, containing malicious attachments or links.

02 Phishing emails regarding medical advice to protect yourself against Covid-19 or purporting to be from employers, malicious links attached to email which may download malicious software.

**Top
Tip**

Stay protected online: Make sure your laptop or computer has up to date anti-virus software installed

03 Job Scams- Internet adverts on social media for employment opportunities for key worker positions, adverts asking for an upfront fee for vetting checks to be carried out.

04 Fake holiday refund websites being created and advertised on Social Media.

05 Doorstep callers purporting to be from Age UK, with clipboards offering to carry out shopping for elderly residents. Asking for card details upfront.

06 Doorstep callers offering to 'disinfect' gardens for older people - whilst the offending took place outside of WY, the perpetrators live in the County.

Miracle Cure Scams- Claims Chinese herbal medicine is being used to treat Covid 19 infected patients in China with 'very good results'.

*Please only seek medical advice from your doctor

DOORSTEP CRIMINALS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE PANDEMIC

Top tips

YOUR DOORSTEP YOUR DECISION

If you feel pressured,
ask the person to leave.

FRIENDS AND FAMILY ARE BEST

Support from
trusted friends, family or
neighbours is ideal. Be vigilant
for strangers offering services at the
door that may want to take
advantage.

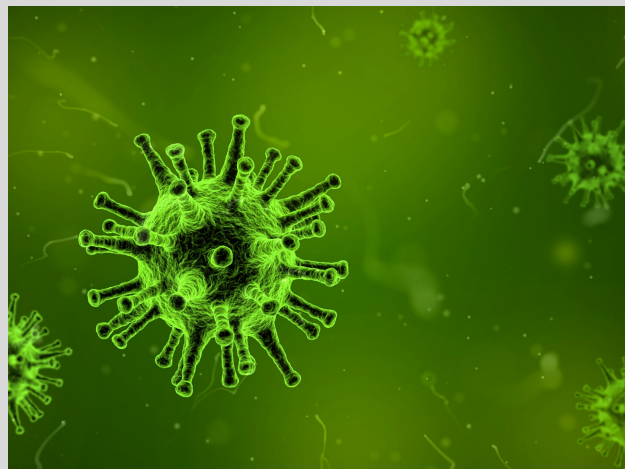
NO SNAP DECISIONS

Take time to talk to someone
you trust before you make any
decisions.

DO THE CHECKS

You can check ID badges and
contact associations to check
membership registrations yourself.
Call the telephone number of the
organisation, obtain this number
yourself, not from the person at the
door.

Please be vigilant, bogus doorstep
callers are offering fake Covid-19
testing. If you think you have the
virus, contact NHS 111 for more
information.



There has been a lot of
misinformation online and
on Social Media. Be sure to
stay updated with the right
information Found on the
**Official Government
website.**

Report to us:

New mailbox to deal
with reports of Covid-19 Scams in
West Yorkshire:
Covid19Scams@wyjs.org.uk

**Report complaints to
Citizens Advice
Consumer Helpline: 0808
223 1133**

**Report scams to Action Fraud:
0300 123 2040**