



Advice when applying for jobs on line

Take extra care when applying for jobs online:

Over recent years there has been a rise in the 'side-hussle' industry. This includes jobs such as reviewing items online, mystery shopping or completing surveys.

Many of these opportunities are from reputable businesses and do provide people with additional money.

Unfortunately, criminals are also offering their own opportunities. These adverts are convincing. They look like legitimate opportunities to earn a bit more money.

There is a clear difference.

The victim is told they need to open an online bank account to make money. They are then told they need to put money in that account for the initial purchases to be made. The money taken will then disappear into the crypto network.

The tale told by the criminals is complete nonsense, but the back-stories are very convincing, believable and sophisticated.

Victims often lose around £2,000 before they realise, they are being scammed. Many have taken on debt to fund these 'initial costs' believing it is an investment and will offer them extra commission.

We are asking residents to take their time, consider all the information before signing up to a new money-making initiative, especially one which makes you provide money up front.

If think you may have been a victim of fraud or if you would like more information on fraud the Action Fraud website is an excellent place to help. This can be found at: <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk>