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# The Scam Radar Test

Twelve messages, ten scams. Can you spot them? The self-test and answer key from Crypto From Zero 2027, free.

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# Twelve messages. Which ones ping?

Tick OK or SCAM for each. Go with your gut, no peeking. Answers and your radar score are on the next page. Then retake it after Section 004 and compare.

**WHY A TEST?**

Chainalysis estimates **$17B** was taken by crypto scams and fraud worldwide in 2025, with impersonation scams up about **1,400%** year on year. Reading about scams helps; practising spotting them helps more.

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| 01 | Text: “Your exchange account is locked. Verify within 24h at exchange-secure-login.com.” | ☐ OK ☐ SCAM |
| 02 | A dating match who has never video-called shows you big gains on “their” trading platform and offers to coach you. | ☐ OK ☐ SCAM |
| 03 | “Support” answers your public post about a stuck transfer and asks you to share your screen. | ☐ OK ☐ SCAM |
| 04 | A caller from “the police” says your bank account is compromised: withdraw cash and put it into a Bitcoin ATM to keep it safe. | ☐ OK ☐ SCAM |
| 05 | An unknown token appears in your wallet, with a website to “claim” more. | ☐ OK ☐ SCAM |
| 06 | The exchange app you opened yourself asks for identity verification before your first withdrawal. | ☐ OK ☐ SCAM |
| 07 | A video of a famous CEO: “Send 0.1 ETH, get 0.2 back — today only.” | ☐ OK ☐ SCAM |
| 08 | A site you’ve never used asks your wallet to sign an unreadable message to “prove you’re human”. | ☐ OK ☐ SCAM |
| 09 | Your friend’s account messages: “Stuck abroad, can you send USDT? Here’s my address.” | ☐ OK ☐ SCAM |
| 10 | Email: “New 2027 regulations require wallet migration. Enter your 24-word phrase to stay compliant.” | ☐ OK ☐ SCAM |
| 11 | In your history, an address that looks almost identical to your friend’s arrived with a $0 transfer. | ☐ OK ☐ SCAM |
| 12 | Your tax authority’s website (you typed the address) explains how to report crypto disposals. | ☐ OK ☐ SCAM |

(!) THE SCAM RADAR · ANSWERS

# 10 scams, 2 normal. Score one point per right answer.

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|---|---|---|
| 01 | SCAM | Look-alike domain + deadline. Open the real app yourself instead. |
| 02 | SCAM | Relationship-investment scam (“pig butchering”). The platform is fake. |
| 03 | SCAM | Real support never DMs first and never needs your screen or seed. |
| 04 | SCAM | No authority ever asks for payment or “safekeeping” in crypto. |
| 05 | SCAM | Bait for a drainer signature. Ignore it; don’t visit, don’t swap. |
| 06 | NORMAL | KYC checks are standard at regulated platforms. |
| 07 | SCAM | Doubling giveaways are always fake; video can be AI-generated. |
| 08 | SCAM | Never sign what you can’t read. Close the tab. |
| 09 | SCAM | Until you’ve verified by phone or in person, treat it as a hijacked account. |
| 10 | SCAM | New rules are perfect bait. No law or company ever needs your seed phrase. |
| 11 | SCAM | Address poisoning. Always copy from a saved, verified contact. |
| 12 | NORMAL | Official site, reached by you. That’s the safe pattern. |

## 11–12

**Radar locked on.** You read the pattern, not the story. Use the checklists and help someone else take the test.

## 8–10

**Good range, blind spots.** Re-read the scam field guide (Section 004) and “signing & approvals” in Section 005.

## 0–7

**Radar offline, for now.** Normal for a beginner, and exactly why this guide exists. Read 000–004 before you open any app.

### THE FIVE PINGS THAT CATCH ALMOST EVERYTHING

① You didn’t start the contact. ② There’s a deadline. ③ Someone wants a seed phrase, code, screen or signature. ④ Money must move *to* them before you get anything. ⑤ The domain, address or face is *almost* right.