

If anyone asks you to send crypto, **stop and call family first.**

Any one of these is a red flag, according to the FBI:

- 1 A stranger brings up crypto.** Someone you've never met, by text, social media, a dating site or a phone call, asks you to invest in crypto or gold.
- 2 Pay at a crypto ATM.** Anyone tells you to take out cash and put it into a crypto ATM, or sends you a QR code to scan there.
- 3 Coaching on the phone.** The caller stays on the line and walks you through each step while you pay.
- 4 Officials who want crypto.** Someone says they're from the government, police, your bank, a law office or a utility, and will only take crypto.
- 5 Your money must be moved.** A "bank" or "agency" says your accounts are at risk, or that you must clear yourself of a crime, and tells you to cash out.
- 6 Tech support wants payment.** A pop-up or caller claims your computer has a virus or your account is hacked, and asks for money to fix it.
- 7 A loved one in trouble.** Someone says a family member is in danger or in jail and you must send money now.
- 8 Romance with a request.** A new online friend or sweetheart you've never met in person asks for money.
- 9 Profits you can't withdraw.** An investment app shows big gains, then asks you to pay "taxes" or "fees" before you can take money out.
- 10 Recovery for a fee.** After a loss, someone offers to get your money back if you pay first. The FBI warns about these recovery scams.

Before you send anything, call:

Name _____ Phone _____

Seed words: Never share your seed words (the backup words for a wallet's keys) with anyone, for any reason. No real company, agency or support line will ever need them.

Report it: ic3.gov. Age 60 or older? National Elder Fraud Hotline: (833) 372-8311.

Sources: FBI IC3 fraud alert, PSA 211104, 2025 Internet Crime Report.

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