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Questions

All the scenarios below are based on current scams and should help to raise awareness. Review of these would not do for a school audience but are very relevant to older groups. These questions are not suitable for a school audience but they will stimulate great discussion, as every one will have something to contribute from their own personal experience.

1. An advert gives you the chance to make jewellery at home from kits. The company wants a deposit of £50 for the kits. You enjoy crafts and making things. What should you do?

ANSWER: *Hold on to your money and make a call to the Trading Standards Service. These manufacturing offers are rarely what they seem*

2. You get a letter from what appears to be a very distinguished person in a West African state. They have been hounded by a rebel government and seek your assistance to get their money out of the country. They want you to contact them. What should you do?

ANSWER: *Ignore them. This is a well-established and dangerous fraud. Do not touch it. Report the matter to Trading Standards or the police*

3. David Norfolk writes to you explaining how he got wealthy and invites you to do the same. His letter gives very precise instructions. What should you do?

ANSWER: *Have you a wastepaper bin? This is a chain letter that has been circulating for years*

4. A phone call from a very well-spoken American tells you that your lottery ticket on the Australian lottery has come up. He needs £500 to get £50,000 delivered to you by courier. What should you do?

ANSWER: *Ask if he will take credit card payment. When he declines, put the phone down*

5. A company is offering you a guaranteed prize from a list of prizes. All it needs is your registration fee. What should you do?

ANSWER: *Read the small print and report the matter to the Trading Standards Service*

6. A company calls you at home and says that it saw your advert to sell your car. It says it has 35 ready purchasers. What should you do?

ANSWER: *Make a note of the call, agree to nothing and report it to the Trading Standards Service*