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Smart Money & Safe Choices – Staying Cyber Safe

Enrich International Women's Day Celebration

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Welcome and thank you

Introduction

Who we are

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The scam problem

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CRIME IN HONG KONG

Hong Kong scam victim recounts how she lost HK\$270,000 to criminals

<https://www.scmp.com/video/hong-kong/3200015/hong-kong-scam-victim-recounts-how-she-lost-hk270000-criminals>

Crime in Hong Kong Hong Kong / Law and Crime

2 Hongkongers lose HK\$10 million in total in cryptocurrency, mainland Chinese stock scams

Crime in Hong Kong Hong Kong / Law and Crime

Hong Kong businesswoman, 70, loses HK\$258 million in phone scam; police arrest 10 suspects

Crime in Hong Kong Hong Kong / Law and Crime

2 elderly Hongkongers lose HK\$48 million in fake official, crypto scams

The scam problem (ii) – It's not just individuals

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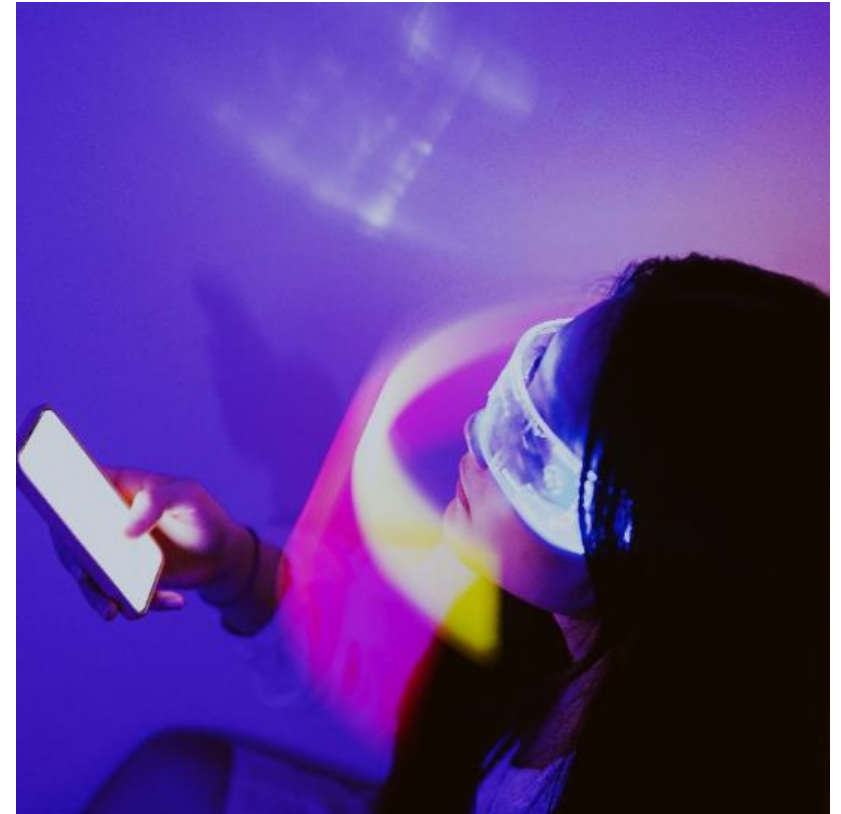
Crime in Hong Kong Hong Kong / Law and Crime

UK multinational Arup confirmed as victim of HK\$200 million deepfake scam that used digital version of CFO to dupe Hong Kong employee

The scam problem (iii) – Deepfakes

Tomorrow's tech. Today's problem

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oxXpB9pSETo&list=PLxgMOEESA8vgmkkQM_jsD94AZfH9Ve2Vd&index=4
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iyiOVUbsPcM&list=PLxgMOEESA8vgmkkQM_jsD94AZfH9Ve2Vd&index=5
- <https://www.media.io/ai/home>



The scam problem (iv) – Some types



- Phishing (especially links sent by messenger / email)
- Romance scams
- Fake law enforcement scams
- Investment scams (incl. 'pig butchering')
- Carousel scams

- Money laundering – request to borrow your bank account

Scams – What to look out for



- Someone **you don't know** – phone / WhatsApp / Telegram / other messaging app
- Messages are **vague** at start, e.g. “Hi”
- **Crisis or urgency** – e.g. from family member / law enforcement
- Asks you to **provide details, log in, or download app**
- **Evasive**, e.g. will not provide details about themselves, cannot talk or meet
- **Guarantee** of making money
- You will make money / get your money back... but **need to pay first**, e.g.:
 - pay first, then receive ‘profit’, or
 - need to pay ‘tax’ to release money – a.k.a. a ‘double dip’
- When questioned, promises they are on your side

Protecting yourself – How to stay safe

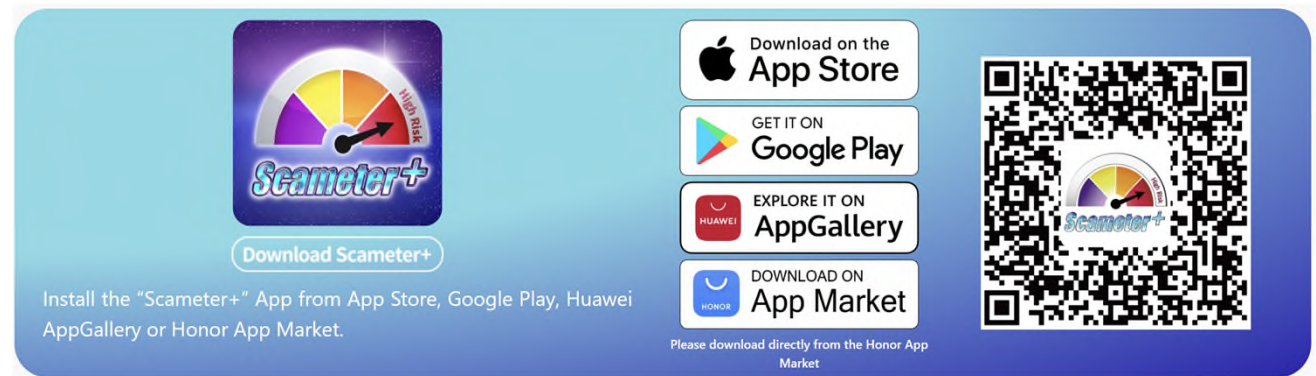
- Be suspicious
- Set social media account security to private
- Don't share personal or financial information with strangers
- Don't click links you don't know
- Don't lend your bank account
- Learn how to prevent scams, e.g.: <https://www.hsbc.com.hk/help/cybersecurity-and-fraud/>
- Check before sending:
 - Before sending money to new account – call to confirm new account details
 - Use Scameter+ <https://cyberdefender.hk/en-us/scameter/>
 - Call the ADCC Anti-Scam Helpline 18222



If you think you have been scammed

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- Do not feel ashamed
- Report Immediately
 - To HK Police:
 - HK Police e-report centre (Technology Crime and Deception): <https://crp.police.gov.hk/crp001/>
 - Local Police Station
 - Your bank or account provider
 - The receiving bank
- Contact your friend / family member to check
- Follow up with your bank and police for updates
- Get help from a Migrant Worker-Focussed NGO



Remember... It's Not Your Fault

"Master Manipulators

*Scammers are master manipulators. They use persuasive techniques and influence tactics based on psychology in order to defraud their target. **If you have been victimized by financial fraud, you are not alone** and among millions of individuals of all ages, education levels, and financial status who share this experience."*

"Many victims feel helpless after experiencing fraud..."

Focus on What You Can Control... Report the crime. Reach out for help from family, friends, other victims of fraud, or a mental health professional. Get educated on scams and psychological tactics scammers use to prevent revictimization. Take your focus away from what happened and focus on your power to heal."

It's Not Your Fault: Empowerment after Financial Fraud, FINRA Investor Education Foundation

[https://www.finra.org/sites/default/files/2024-](https://www.finra.org/sites/default/files/2024-03/Fraud_Victim_Empowerment_FINRA.pdf#:~:text=Scammers%2oare%2omaster%2omanipulators.%20They%2ouse%2opersuasive,and%2ofinancial%2ostatus%2owho%2oshare%20this%20experience.)

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