

## 9 Ways to Avoid Job Scams

Here are excerpts from LinkedIn on [how to avoid employment scams](#).

### 1. Be wary of personal email addresses

Company names and logos can be stolen. A legitimate recruiter will contact you using a business email, not a Gmail or Yahoo account. Search the person's name on LinkedIn and view first-degree connections to see if they are connected to other company employees.

### 2. Never pay to land a job

Legitimate employers will never ask you to pay starting costs, fees, inventory or anything else.

### 3. Never agree to transfer money

In almost all cases, the money is stolen.

### 4. Use trusted sites

Sites such as LinkedIn, Indeed and Glassdoor have screening processes, but these aren't foolproof — so keep your guard up.

### 5. Do not give away bank account, PayPal account or credit card information

Bank-routing information is for direct deposits after you've met an employer in person. If applying for remote work, wait for a signed offer.

### 6. Scrutinize job postings

Look for typos, errors and terms like “wire transfer.”

### 7. Before applying, research a company

Check the company's website and social media; search Google for news articles.

### 8. Avoid job postings for “previously undisclosed” federal jobs

Federal jobs are on usajobs.gov. There's no cost to have a look.

### 9. Take extra precautions when applying for remote jobs

Because you will not be meeting a company official in person, verify the company's online presence for legitimacy.