

Title: HOW TO SPOT A CRYPTO SCAM
10 Warning Signs That Should Make You Run

Scammers are getting smarter. But they always leave clues. Here are ten red flags I have learned to spot over years of analyzing crypto projects. If you see any of these, walk away.

1. “Guaranteed Returns” or “Passive Income” Without Clear Mechanics

Legit projects never guarantee profits. If they say “10% daily returns” or “you will double your money in a week,” it is a scam.

2. No Whitepaper or a Copied One

A real project explains its purpose, tokenomics, and roadmap. Scammers often copy from other projects or have a one-page with nothing but hype.

3. Anonymous Team with No Track Record

While many meme coins have anonymous teams, it is a risk. If you can’t find any history of the developers, proceed with extreme caution. Better yet, avoid.

4. Liquidity Not Locked

If the team controls the liquidity pool tokens, they can pull all funds overnight. Always verify on the block explorer that LP tokens are locked (e.g., sent to a dead address).

5. High Sell Taxes or Hidden Fees

A small tax is normal. But if the sell tax is 20%+ or the contract can change taxes anytime, you are being set up to lose.

6. Bots in Telegram / Discord

Real communities have real conversations. Scam communities are filled with bots spamming “when moon” and mods banning anyone who asks tough questions.

7. No Active Development

Check GitHub, Twitter, or the project’s blog. If there is no code updates, no roadmap progress, and no communication, the team has moved on.

8. Pressure to Buy Quickly

“Last chance,” “presale ends in 10 minutes,” “only 1000 spots left”—this is classic FOMO manipulation. Legit projects don’t rush you.

9. Contract Not Verified on Block Explorer

If you can’t see the code, you can’t trust it. Only buy tokens with verified contracts.

10. Too Many Celebrity Shills

Paid influencers promoting a coin all at once is a classic pump-and-dump. If you see a flood of identical tweets, it is likely coordinated to dump on you.

Final Reminder:

Trust your gut. If something feels off, it probably is. There will always be another opportunity.

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