



STAY SAFE FROM MAIL SCAMS

- **IF IT SEEMS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE, IT PROBABLY IS**
- If you've been told you've won something in a raffle, prize draw, or competition, think about whether you actually entered. If you didn't, you can be sure it's a scam. *Bin it!*
- If you are asked to pay a fee up-front in order to receive your winnings/prize/etc, it's a scam. Legitimate organisations will never ask you to do this. *Bin it!*
- Does the letter contain bad spelling or grammar? If so, it's a scam. *Bin it!*

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- There are certain styles used in competition or lottery scam mail: *Coats of arms, seals, serial numbers, barcodes, watermarks, reproduced signatures, rubber stamps.*
- If you receive a letter with one or more of these on, and claiming you've won a prize draw or lottery you never entered, it's a scam. *Bin it!*
- Have you received the letter or catalogue out of the blue, without ever asking for it or ever making contact with the company? If so, it's probably a scam. *Bin it!*
- Are they asking you for money? Any request for money is suspicious unless proven otherwise. **Don't send any money.**
- Have your mail redirected to someone you trust.

For more advice, find the Neighbourhood Watch scams prevention kit at:

www.ourwatch.org.uk/toolkits