

# Crypto Scam Reporting Checklist

## File Your Report with the Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3)

Use this checklist to prepare before filing your report. You do **not** need everything — submit what you have.

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### Step 1: Basic Information

- Your full name
  - Email address
  - Phone number
  - City and state
  - Date you discovered the scam
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### Step 2: Scam Details

- Type of scam (investment, romance, phishing, fake platform, impersonation, hack)
  - Website URL or app name involved
  - How you were contacted (text, email, WhatsApp, Telegram, social media)
  - Scammer usernames, phone numbers, or email addresses
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### Step 3: Cryptocurrency Information (Very Important)

- Type of cryptocurrency sent (BTC, ETH, USDT, USDC, etc.)
- Amount sent
- Date(s) of transaction(s)
- Wallet address(es) you sent funds to
- Transaction ID(s) / TXID(s) / hash(es)
- Exchange or wallet used (Coinbase, MetaMask, Trust Wallet, etc.)

Tip: You can find TXIDs in your wallet or exchange transaction history.

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## Step 4: Supporting Evidence (If Available)

- Screenshots of conversations
  - Emails or messages from the scammer
  - Screenshots of the fake platform or website
  - Payment confirmations or receipts
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## Step 5: File the IC3 Report

- Go to <https://www.ic3.gov>
  - Click “**File a Complaint**”
  - Choose the category that best fits your situation
  - Enter your information and scam details
  - Add crypto wallet addresses and TXIDs
  - Review and submit
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## Step 6: After You Submit

- Save your IC3 complaint number
- Take a screenshot or download confirmation
- Do **not** send more money to “recover” funds
- Be cautious of anyone claiming guaranteed recovery

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