

Crypto Scam Reporting Checklist for the Federal Trade Commission (FTC)

You do **not** need to have everything on this list. Use it as a guide, not a requirement. Even partial information helps protect others.

Step 1: Your Basic Information

- ☐ Full name
- ☐ Email address
- ☐ Phone number
- ☐ City and state
- ☐ Date you discovered the scam

Your information is used for reporting and pattern tracking — it is not made public.

Step 2: Scam Overview

- ☐ Type of scam
 - ☐ Investment scam
 - ☐ Fake crypto platform or app
 - ☐ Romance scam
 - ☐ Impersonation (company, exchange, influencer)
 - ☐ “Recovery” scam
 - ☐ Other
- ☐ Brief description of what happened (1–3 paragraphs is enough)
- ☐ How you were contacted (social media, email, text, phone, messaging app)

Step 3: Website, Platform, or App Details

- ☐ Website URL (copy and paste if possible)
- ☐ App name (if applicable)
- ☐ Social media account names or profiles used by the scammer
- ☐ Advertisements or posts that led you to the scam (if any)

Tip: The FTC uses this information to identify and shut down fraudulent sites and accounts.

Step 4: Payment Information

- ☐ Payment method used: **Cryptocurrency**
- ☐ Approximate amount sent
- ☐ Date(s) of payment
- ☐ Type of cryptocurrency (BTC, ETH, USDT, etc.)

You do **not** need wallet addresses or transaction IDs for the FTC report.

Step 5: Supporting Evidence (Optional but Helpful)

- ☐ Screenshots of the website or app
- ☐ Screenshots of conversations or messages
- ☐ Emails or promotional messages
- ☐ Payment confirmation screens

You don't upload all evidence to the FTC, but reviewing it helps you report accurately.

Step 6: File the FTC Report

- ☐ Visit <https://reportfraud.ftc.gov>
- ☐ Click **"Report Now"**
- ☐ Choose the category that best fits your experience
- ☐ Select **Cryptocurrency** as the payment method
- ☐ Enter the information you gathered
- ☐ Submit the report

Step 7: After You Report

- ☐ Save confirmation (if provided)
- ☐ Do not engage further with the scammer
- ☐ Be cautious of anyone offering "guaranteed recovery"
- ☐ Consider reporting to other agencies if appropriate

Reminder: The FTC focuses on **consumer protection and prevention**, not individual recovery.