

The Federation for Victim Assistance is a community based voluntary charity. They provide their services through a corps of trained volunteers. These volunteers have been chosen for their ability to empathise with people who have been traumatised as a result of becoming a victim of crime.

The service is free and confidential.

Federation for Victim Assistance offers caring support to:

- Assault & Burglary Victims
- Relatives of Murder Victims
- Crime Victims & Witnesses attending court
- Tourist Victims of crime
- Victims of Traumatic Incidents
- *The Federation will also liaise with other state bodies including Gardaí.*

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SCAM AWARENESS LEAFLET

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REMEMBER

**If it seems too good to be true!
It is!**

What constitutes a scam?

- They come out of the blue
- They offer something for nothing
- They look for payment up front
- They play on the fears, anxieties and superstitions of people
- Get rich quick schemes
- Fake Draws & Lotteries
- They offer **seemingly** very cheap Tarmacadam, PVC, Guttering and other jobs at unbelievable prices!
- They may pretend to be from the Council, Telecom or other State Bodies.

Responding to such scams ensures that your name and contact details will be passed on so that you can be guaranteed many other similar approaches.

Many approaches and offers arrive in very official looking envelopes!

Approaches are made

- On your doorstep
- On your landline or mobile phone
- Through the Post
- On the Internet
- Through Emails

Effects of these scams can be immense and can include:

- 1. Loss of savings*
- 2. Loss of a business*
- 3. Depression*

DO NOT

- Pay before a job is completed
- Send any monies to anyone you do not know
- Enter into any dialogue with uninvited callers to your door offering services
- Respond to any phone calls - Postal - Text - Email or any other such communications from sources you are not familiar with

DO

- Speak with your family
- Speak with your local Garda Crime Prevention Unit
- Speak with Financial Services Ombudsman
- Contact the Federation for Victim Assistance

**Local Federation for Victim Assistance
may be contacted in confidence**

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**When leaving a message please give
your name and contact number
in confidence.**

**All Federation Volunteers
are Garda Vetted**