

Frequently asked questions

What is 'scambling'?

'Scambling' is slang for online gambling platforms advertised on social media and messaging app groups that tricks people to visit a scam website to participate in gambling. If you are asked to transfer funds to a PayID (mobile number, email address, or ABN), it is almost certainly a scambling website.

I have been 'scambled', what do I do next?

Contact your bank and report what has happened. Your bank will work with you on next steps.

You can also report scams via Scamwatch at scamwatch.gov.au/report-a-scam. We need to work together to keep Australia safe and stop more people from becoming victims.

What happens if I see a 'scambling' website on my social media account?

Report the page and the link to the social media site as a gambling scam.

How do I stop my friends or family from being 'scambled'?

Discuss 'scambling' and legitimate gambling sites and suggest they contact their bank to report what has happened.

How can I tell the difference between a 'scambling' site and a legitimate gambling platform?

Check if the gambling site is registered with ACMA, the Australian Communications and Media Authority organisation at acma.gov.au/check-if-gambling-operator-legal. If the site is not listed here, it is likely to be operating illegally and is a 'scambling' website.

Online gambling services such as pokie machines, casino style games, and scratchies are illegal. In most cases, users are instructed to download third-party apps directly from an untrustworthy source. In some cases, illegitimate sites may have a gambling app on Apple App Store or Google Play Store (for Android devices) to appear trustworthy.



How can I report a 'scambling' website?

Use this QR code to report a 'scambling' website or visit acma.gov.au/interactive-gambling-complaint-form