

What are the most prevalent crypto scams to be aware of?

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The most common crypto scams we encounter on a day-to-day basis include:

1. Pig Butchering Scams -- Pig butchering scams specifically target users that have little to no knowledge of cryptocurrency. The scammer takes a while to build up rapport and a relationship with the victim so that the victim trusts them. The scammer then directs or 'recommends' the victim start using a [fraudulent] investment platform, and helps 'coach' the victim. A considerable portion of the time, the scam comes about due to a romantic connection found on an online dating app such as Hinge.
 2. Job / Employment Scams -- They require victims to put up some of their own money for tools/onboarding/capital, and are sometimes given menial tasks to a 'job'
 3. Phishing scams - phishing comes in many different shapes, colors, and forms. Some of the most frequent types of phishing scams to be aware of
 - a) Phishing scams attempting to have the user provide their seed phrase or private keys. This can be through a malicious application, fraudulent website, or malicious email a user may receive as a result of a database breach
 - b) Drainers & Malicious Smart contracts -- Phishing attacker often try to get victims to approve malicious smart contracts designed to drain a victims wallet of funds. The attacker does not need the seed phrase or private key to do this. Victims encounter drainers from a variety of sources, including blog articles (that are purporting to be helpful), and malicious airdrops, to name but a couple common sources.
 4. Impersonation Scams -- Impersonation scams are still incredibly common, and include things like fake customer support reps and fake community managers
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