





# **Press Release**

## Cryptocurrencies

We are grateful to NatWest for a warning about cryptocurrency investments which is reproduced below. You will note the advice to check the UK Financial Conduct Authority Register.

### \*\*\* START \*\*\*

# Cryptocurrency Scams

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WARNING: Thinking of investing in Bitcoin or other

Cryptocurrencies?

Here's what you should know:

If you've been contacted by a 'trader' promising big profits and offering to help you invest in cryptocurrency, this is a scam. See <u>Cryptocurrency</u> investment fraud - Action Fraud.

- Always have control of your cryptocurrency wallet. If you didn't set the wallet up yourself or can't access the money in the wallet, this is a scam. You should stop making payments immediately.

- Many cryptocurrency sellers are not registered with the UK Financial Conduct Authority. Always use a firm that is on the <u>Registered</u> FCA list which can be found on the FCA website. You should also check the Temporarily Registered list which can be found on the same page.

- If you ignore the above advice you could lose all of your money.

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Our good friends at the BBC cover the same issue in a news item posted yesterday, see www.bbc.co.uk/news/technology-57267199.

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