Beware of text message scams

Text message- and phone fraud is increasing, and the methods are constantly changing, making it more difficult to identify the intentions of scammers. Can you tell if a text message is actually an attempt to access sensitive information?

Become scamaware!

Most people today are accustomed to communicating through text messages. It has also become increasingly common to receive confirmations and information from authorities and companies through text messages. Scammers exploit this by manipulating phone numbers to make them look like they have been sent from a trustworthy source.

Scam messages often contain a link that you are urged to click on or a number you are asked to call. Scammers may attempt to pressure you, for instance, by claiming that you are in an urgent situation that needs immediate attention. The sentiment is pressing, with the intention to make you worried or curious. Receiving a fraudulent text message is not inherently dangerous, as long as you are aware of the sender's intentions and do not act on what the scammer is urging you to do.

→ Always read text messages carefully and consider if the content is reasonable. Pay attention to the sender and the language in the message. Do not click on links and or call unknown phone numbers based on someone else's request.



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Text message fraud: Common methods

Hello,

We've noticed unexpected activity on your bank account. Please contact us on <u>076-128 93 42</u>

Regards, Your Bank

Do not call

Scammers may try to rush a decision by making you anxious.

Congratulations! There's a package waiting on you To confirm pickup location click here: <u>http://straighttoyou247.com/</u> <u>collect/GIFT433/</u>

Do not click the link

Scammers might entice you with a pleasant surprise.

You haven't done a dental examination in a while. Call us and we'll arrange a suitable time: 0771–567 5XX

Regards, Folktandvården

Do not call

Scammers can manipulate phone numbers to make them look trustworthy.

Register your bank account today and get your tax rebate already in March. Log in at: www.skatteverket.net/deklaration

Do not click the link

Fraudsters might use current events to deceive.

- → Have you been scammed? Contact your bank immediately!
- → Always report an attempted fraud to the police. Call the police on 114 14.

