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Guess what ~ there's no big win and there never was! This scam catches out tens of thousands of

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Invariably the money is always held in a some obscure country, often in Africa. Then, once you've

Will the payment arrive? Will you ever get your money back? Of course not! In fact, after you've

Millions receive these e-mails every month, so if you get one, delete it.

Boiler Room scams

This is a hard-selling technique often targeting middle aged professional people with some but

They then contact their victims by phone or e-mail to persuade them to buy shares in obscure companies

If you receive an approach from an organisation trying to sell you investments, ask for their

Credit Card Fraud

The introduction of PIN numbers has greatly reduced credit card fraud. But purchases through the

This means that if a fraudster can get hold of your credit card details he'll happily use it to

To reduce your chances of being caught by credit card fraud, you should sign up to ^Verified by

Phishing

Fraudsters are also highly active on the Internet persuading bank account holders to disclose  
The fraud kicks off with a bogus e-mail apparently from your Bank. The e-mail always explains  
You should be aware that Banks never ask you to send them confidential security details by e-mail  
Identity Theft

Every four minutes an identity theft takes place in the UK.

If fraudsters can get your personal details, they can apply for credit and open bank accounts

All the fraudster needs is a utility bill in your name and a credit card or bank statement. So

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