



4 things to do before you accept a business offer



Take your time.

Avoid high-pressure sales pitches that require you to get involved now or risk losing out.



Be skeptical about success stories and testimonials.

Glowing stories could be fake and online reviews may have come from made-up profiles.



Don't bank on a "cleared" check.

If you're told to send some of the money or buy gift cards, you can bet it's a fake even if you see the money in your account.



Do your research.

Search online for the company's name plus words like "review," "scam," or "complaint."

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