

Red Flag Phrases for Investment Fraud



- Low risk/no risk for high returns
- Act now; this is a limited-time offer
- Guaranteed to double your money (ask, “*guaranteed by whom?*” – and verify it)
- Principal is insured (ask, “*insured by whom?*” – and verify it)
- Licensed/registered (ask, “*with whom?*” -- and verify it)
- A secret “loop-hole” in tax laws
- Keep this investment secret
- Once-in-a-lifetime opportunity
- Offered to only a select few
- Borrow money/take out a mortgage and be “set for life”
- I’m calling from outside Louisiana with an investment opportunity
- Trust me
- Off-shore investment opportunity
- Can’t-miss opportunity

Louisiana’s Office of Financial Institutions (OFI) cautions potential investors to thoroughly check out *every* investment opportunity. To obtain a free background check (i.e., *CRD Report*) on investment professionals registered with OFI to sell securities in Louisiana OR to report suspected fraud, please contact OFI at:

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