

# 20-Minute Crypto Safety Checklist

## TOTAL Beginner Edition

*(Easy. Clear. Step-by-step.)*

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### 1. Check if the project looks real (3 minutes)

#### Why it matters:

Fake projects often hide behind fake websites and empty social media pages.

#### Do this:

- Visit the project website
- Check their social media (X/Twitter, Telegram, Discord)
- Look for recent posts (within the last week)
- Make sure all links match and look consistent

#### Warning signs:

- Website looks very new
  - Social media is empty or inactive
  - Links go to different names or projects
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### 2. Search for warnings on Google (3 minutes)

#### Why it matters:

If a project is dangerous, people usually talk about it online.

#### Search:

- *project name + scam*
- *project name + fraud*
- *project name + warning*

**If several results look bad → DO NOT invest.**

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### 3. Check if the team looks real (4 minutes)

#### Why it matters:

Scam projects often use fake or AI-generated people.

#### Do this:

- Look at the “Team” page
- Check for real names and photos
- Check their LinkedIn profiles
- Look for real work experience
- Make sure profiles are older and active

#### Warning signs:

- No real people shown
  - Photos look AI / stock
  - Profiles created recently
  - No real background history
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### 4. Try to explain the project in one sentence (4 minutes)

#### Why it matters:

If you can't explain it simply → it's too unclear or hiding something.

#### Ask yourself:

👉 “What does this project actually do?”

#### Examples:

- “It helps people send money faster.”
- “It's a game with digital items.”
- “It helps users trade tokens easily.”

**If you cannot explain it → DO NOT invest.**

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## **5. Look for emotional red flags (3 minutes)**

### **Why it matters:**

Scams use emotions to make you move fast.

### **Red flags:**

- “Guaranteed profits!”
- “You must invest right now!”
- “Everyone is becoming rich!”
- “Don’t miss this chance!”

### **Real projects never:**

- Rush you
  - Pressure you
  - Promise guaranteed returns
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## **6. Check if anything real exists (3 minutes)**

### **Why it matters:**

A real project always has some kind of proof.

### **Look for:**

- A real product or demo
- Real users or reviews
- Real partnerships (with official announcements)
- A realistic roadmap
- Real videos or photos of the team

**If nothing real exists → walk away immediately.**

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## 7. Quick gut feeling test (1 minute)

### Why it matters:

Your intuition often protects you.

### Ask yourself:

👉 “Does anything feel strange or confusing?”

If yes →

**Pause. Step back. Do NOT invest.**

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## FINAL RULE

**If two things feel wrong → do NOT invest.**

Missing an opportunity never hurts you.

Losing your money does.