

TIPS TO AVOID BEING COMP SCAMMED

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Here is a summary of how to avoid scammers that target competition and giveaway entrants online (especially on social media). The full version and more information about online comp scams can be found at

<https://aussiecomps.com/scams.php>

- Scammers often use poor spelling and grammar.
- Genuine comp promoters **never** ask for any payment or credit card info to claim a prize.
- Genuine comp promoters **never** charge any processing fees to claim a prize.
- Genuine comp promoters **never** ask you to complete any actions (watch a video, do a survey etc.) to claim a prize.
- Do not accept friend requests from social media 'business' pages.
- Facebook business pages **cannot** send friend requests - they can only ask you to like or follow them.
- Genuine Instagram business pages will be public for everyone to interact with while fake Instagram business pages are always set to private.
- Genuine businesses usually only have ONE business page per social media platform.
- Fake/cloned social media pages with usually have a page name or @name that is slightly different to the real business (things like Co-les instead of Coles or @Colles instead of @Coles).
- Fake/cloned social media pages only include a small number of copied posts and images from the genuine page.
- Fake/cloned social media pages have usually only been posting for a few hours or days unlike the genuine page.
- The copied posts and images on a fake/cloned social media page will have very few, if any, likes and comments on them.
- On social media, genuine comp promoters will not ask for any personal information unless you have actually won a prize.
- Website entry forms may ask for more personal details. Be sure you can trust the business before entering.
- If notified or tagged as a comp winner, always check whether the comp has been drawn and/or winner/s have been published.
- A business' Facebook or Instagram page can be checked for authenticity by Googling the business and finding their social links on their website.
- Comp promoters usually have terms and conditions for their competitions & giveaways. If available, READ THEM...

If you are still having problems identifying whether a comp is legitimate, feel free to email me (Scott) at aussiecomps@pm.me and I will look into the comp for you.

Every comp listed on AussieComps.com has had the terms and conditions thoroughly checked (when available) before being listed. Any comps that are found to be dishonest, deceitful or not legitimate are not listed.

Even if you only occasionally enter online giveaways, I hope the points above can help you stay one step ahead of those idiotic comp scammers. In addition to the tips, always follow your gut feelings and be sceptical of anything that doesn't seem right. The tips and your own intuition may just help you avoid being the next scam victim.

