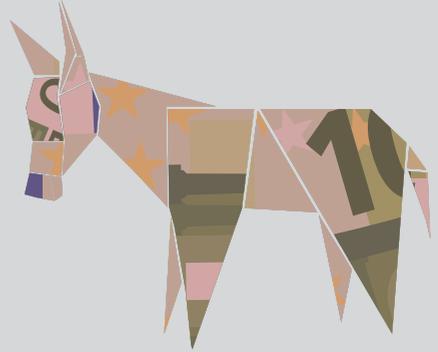


# Don't be a Mule!

If someone asks you to move money through your bank account in exchange for cash, they are asking you to be a money mule.

This is money laundering, it's illegal, and the consequences can be severe for you.



**Easy money without effort?**

**Too good to be true!**



- ▶ A stranger approaches you in person and asks you to move money through your bank account in return for a profit.
- ▶ The opportunity to make easy money is presented as risk-free.
- ▶ You are told what to do and how much others have already earned for doing the same.
- ▶ For different reasons, money launderers will always ask for your bank account number or ask you to open a new one.
- ▶ You will be helping criminals to anonymously move illegal funds around the world.

## It's not worth it

- ▶ You could be physically attacked or threatened with violence if you don't continue to help the criminals.
- ▶ You may not be able to receive social benefits in the future.
- ▶ You could face a prison sentence, a fine or community service.
- ▶ Your bank account can be closed and you won't be able to open a new one.



## Don't help criminals

- ▶ Never open a bank account at the request of somebody you just met.
- ▶ Never provide your bank account details to anyone unless you know and trust them.
- ▶ Be cautious of unsolicited offers of easy money. If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.



**Do you think you may be involved  
in a money muling scheme?**

**Stop transferring money immediately.  
Notify your bank or payment provider and your national police.  
Get help from your local council.**