

NCA-200123-03	ELECTION SCAMS AND HOW TO AVOID FALLING VICTIM TO THEM.
Overview	
<p>Nigeria as a nation is currently approaching its election period and cybercriminals are taking advantage of this period to execute malicious activities; devising several election related dubious schemes.</p> <p>Charitable acts like fundraising are used by these scammers to trick their victims into thinking that making an online donation would benefit the campaign of their political party.</p>	
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<p>Unfortunately, most of these fundraisers turn out to be scams and sometimes a guise used to gather confidential financial information about its victims. Victims of this particular scam go as far as making payments into accounts belonging to these scammers with the impression that their monies are supporting the campaign of their preferred candidate and political party.</p> <p>Also, smishing (SMS Phishing) messages are also being sent out and the content of these messages tend to claim that a political party is giving out gifts online. In order to receive these gifts, a user must provide certain personal and financial information about themselves, thereby, luring victims into giving out confidential information.</p>	
Preventive Measures	
<p>The public is therefore advised to do the following in order to avoid falling victim of such scams:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid giving out confidential information about yourself to people online no matter the circumstances. • Ensure to confirm that whatever message received, or news broadcasted is from an authentic source to avoid being misled. • Avoid reacting to broadcast messages with regards elections as they are mostly false and misleading. 	

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