

scam
[skæm] *n сл.*

жульничество; мошенническая проделка

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scam [scam scams] *BrE* [skæm] ^m *NAmE* [skæm] ^m **noun** (informal)
a clever and dishonest plan for making money
• an insurance scam

Word Origin:

1960s: of unknown origin.

Collocations:

Crime

Committing a crime

commit a crime/a murder/a violent assault/a brutal killing/an armed robbery/fraud

be involved in terrorism/a suspected arson attack/people smuggling/human trafficking

engage /participate in criminal activity/illegal practices/acts of mindless vandalism

steal sb's wallet/purse/(*BrE*) mobile phone/(*NAmE*) cell phone

rob a bank/a person/a tourist

break into/ (*BrE*) **burgle/** (*NAmE*) **burglarize** a house/a home/an apartment

hijack a plane/ship/bus

smuggle drugs/weapons/arms/immigrants

launder drug money (through sth)

forge documents/certificates/passports

take/accept/pay sb/offer (sb) a bribe

run a phishing/an email/an Internet scam

Fighting crime

combat/fight crime/terrorism/corruption/drug trafficking

prevent/stop credit-card fraud/child abuse/software piracy

deter/stop criminals/burglars/thieves/shoplifters/vandals

reduce/tackle/crack down on knife/gun/violent/street crime; (*especially BrE*) antisocial behaviour

foil a bank raid/a terrorist plot

help/support/protect the victims of crime

Investigating crime

report a crime/a theft/a rape/an attack/(*especially BrE*) an incident to the police

witness the crime/attack/murder/incident

investigate a murder/(*especially NAmE*) a homicide/a burglary/a robbery/the alleged incident

conduct/launch/pursue an investigation (into...); (*especially BrE*) a police/murder inquiry

investigate/reopen a criminal/murder case

examine /investigate/find fingerprints at the crime scene/the scene of crime

collect/gather forensic evidence

uncover new evidence/a fraud/a scam/a plot/a conspiracy/political corruption/a cache of weapons

describe/identify a suspect/the culprit/the perpetrator/the assailant/the attacker

question/interrogate a suspect/witness

solve/crack the case

more collocations at [↑justice](#)

Example Bank:

• She got involved in an insurance scam.

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I. **scam**¹ /skæm/ *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^m **noun** [countable] *informal*

a clever but dishonest way to get money:

• He got involved in a credit card scam.

II. **scam**² *BrE* ^m *AmE* ^m **verb** [transitive] *informal*
to deceive someone in order to get money from them
—**scammer** **noun** [countable]

Longman DOCE 5th Ed. (En-En)

scam
12500 **9023**^{MCW}
15000 **5950**^{COCA}
RANGE: **11k SCAM** 2233
scam 1533
scams 700
COCA 500k Unlemmatized
854 **18045**¹²⁸³ *nn1*
96 **72203**¹¹⁰ *vv0*

Freakuency Pack

61-97210⁶² *vvi*

44-102790⁵⁶ *nnu*

17-168846²² *np1*
