

# scammers impersonating randstad employees on telegram and whatsapp.

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It has come to our attention that Randstad's brand is currently being used in attempts to deceive individuals through contact via apps such as Telegram and Whatsapp, as well as SMS.

Scammers are actively targeting members of the public in Sweden by impersonating Randstad employees. The scammers use names that they get from e.g. LinkedIn and introduce themselves as Randstad employees to Telegram and Whatsapp users.

The targeted public members are often offered attractive job opportunities. In their text messages, the scammers ask users for social security numbers, phone numbers and sometimes financial commitment. We urge you not to share your personal and private information with unknown persons.

## **members of the public are advised to stay vigilant**

If the job offer seems too good to be true, it is very likely to be a scam. Randstad employees undergo formal training to ensure a transparent and respectable candidate sourcing and screening process.

- Randstad employees do not make initial contact with people via apps such as Telegram, Whatsapp or SMS to make a job offer.
- Randstad will never request a payment or a copy of a credit or debit card from you as a candidate during a recruitment or job search process.
- Randstad employees will only use their business email accounts which ends with @randstad.se, professional LinkedIn accounts, video conferencing and face-to-face meetings to engage with candidates throughout the recruitment process.
- Job offers made by Randstad employees will always include an employment contract that will only be sent to you from a business email account (@randstad.se) or chosen e-signing service.

## **steps you can take to protect yourself against job scams.**

- Do not respond to text messages and calls from unknown numbers.
- Never transfer money to people you do not know or have not met.
- Do not share your personal information such as your social security number, phone number or bank account/credit card details.