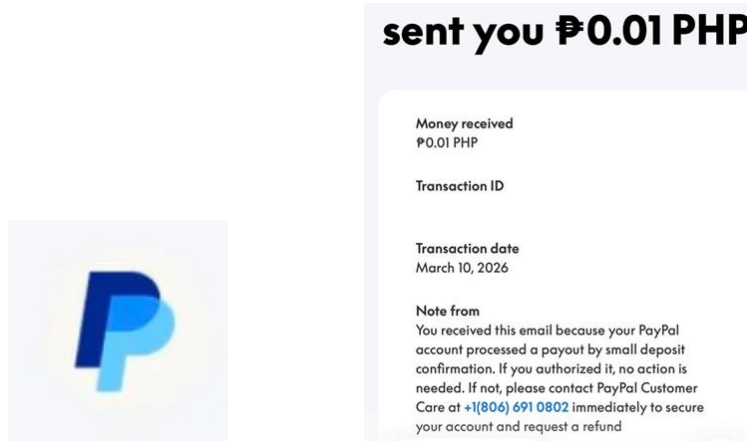


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Fake Paypal “1p” Deposit Scam



Which? is warning PayPal users to be wary of a genuine PayPal email that scammers are manipulating to lure you in to a phone scam.

The scammer first deposits 1p into your PayPal account, which triggers a genuine email from PayPal about the deposit. This is then followed up with a phone call, but this time it's the scammer on the other end of the line.

This isn't the first time scammers have used PayPal to send emails from the brand's official email address, service@paypal.com. It's a sneaky tactic that could convince you that the email and phone call are genuine.

Scammers use a non-existent or hacked business on PayPal to send 1p to your PayPal account. The 'business' sending the money includes a note with the deposit, which says that you received the email because your 'PayPal account processed a payout by small deposit confirmation'.

This email suggests that more money is on the way to you and that the small amount was sent to confirm that your account is live.

This email looks quite convincing. It asks you to call a number if you didn't authorise this to 'immediately secure your account and request a refund.'

Calling the number puts you through to someone in on the scam who will talk you into giving your personal and financial information.

For the full article please visit:

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If you have been a victim of a fraud, please report to **Report Fraud** (previously Action Fraud) on **0300 123 2040** or visit <https://www.reportfraud.police.uk>