

What is an Investment Bond Scam/Company Cloning?



Be on the lookout for fake Standard Life websites and protect your hard earned cash

Fraudsters are aware of the lowering interest rates and are using the opportunity of people looking for better investment returns to offer attractive bond products, which do not exist. Criminals are buying advertisements and creating or using comparison sites to promote these products under false pretences.

The industry as a whole is currently working together to tackle this problem and multiple websites have been identified and removed; details of these can be found via the [FCA Register](#).

Some examples of scam websites are listed below:

- [Investment Bond Rates \(fca.org.uk\)](#)
- [UK Investment Bond / UK Investment Bonds \(fca.org.uk\)](#)
- [find-investment-bonds.com \(fca.org.uk\)](#)
- [Bond Investments UK \(fca.org.uk\)](#)
- [UK investment Bonds \(fca.org.uk\)](#)
- [Find Investment Bonds \(fca.org.uk\)](#)
- [bonds-investment-uk.com \(fca.org.uk\)](#)
- [Best Investment Bonds \(fca.org.uk\)](#)

We encourage you to check the FCA Register to assist you in checking the authenticity of any company you are dealing with.

We have also received reports that the Standard Life brand, and many other well-known financial brands are being cloned. This is where a website is created using the name of a genuine company, and in most cases created to look exactly like the genuine company's website to make the products and offers appear genuine. The following are examples of recent warnings on the FCA register of clones of the Standard Life brand:

- [Standard Life Bonds / Standard Life \(clone of FCA authorised firm\)](#)
- [Standard Life Aberdeen \(clone of FCA recognised product and UK registered company\)](#)
- [Standard Life \(clone of FCA authorised firm\)](#)