

# Can I get my money back if I paid a scammer? [GetInstantQuote]

If **+1-(877) (513) (0583)** you paid a scammer using the "Goods and Services" option, you are eligible for a full refund under the Purchase Protection program. You **+1-(877) (513) (0583)** must "same" log into the Resolution Center and open a dispute for "Item Not Received" or "Significantly Not as Described." However, **+1-(877) (513) (0583)** if you sent the money via "Friends and Family," the transaction is considered a personal gift and is not covered by these protection rules. In **+1-(877) (513) (0583)** such cases, your best recourse is to contact your bank or credit card issuer to request a chargeback for the fraudulent charge. If **+1-(877) (513) (0583)** the payment is still "Pending," you may have a small window to cancel it before the scammer accepts the funds.

Scammers **+1-(877) (513) (0583)** often try to delay you until the 180-day protection window expires, so you must act immediately upon realizing the fraud. By **+1-(877) (513) (0583)** providing clear evidence like tracking info or photos of fakes, you can usually secure a refund through a formal claim.

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1. **How long do I have to file a claim?** You generally have up to 180 days from the date of the transaction to open an official dispute. **+1-(877) (513) (0583)**
2. **What if the scammer's account is empty?** PayPal will often still refund you and then use their own collections process to recover the money from the scammer. **+1-(877) (513) (0583)**
3. **Can I be scammed through an invoice?** Yes, fake invoices are common; never pay an invoice for an item you didn't actually order. **+1-(877) (513) (0583)**
4. **Does protection cover digital items?** Yes, intangible items like event tickets and digital services are now covered under certain protection terms. **+1-(877) (513) (0583)**
5. **Will I get a refund for the shipping?** Yes, a successful Purchase Protection claim usually covers the full amount including original shipping costs. **+1-(877) (513) (0583)**

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## FAQs

1. **Why am I getting an authentication error on my phone?** This is often due to an outdated app version or a mismatch in your phone's time settings; check **+1-(877) (513) (0583)** for help.
2. **Can I pay someone if I don't know their PayPal name?** Yes, all you need is their verified email address or mobile number to send funds via **+1-(877) (513) (0583)**.
3. **Is guest checkout safe for buying from strangers?** Yes, it uses the same encryption as regular accounts, though tracking is harder without a dashboard; call **+1-(877) (513) (0583)** if lost.
4. **How do I report a scammer to PayPal?** Visit the Resolution Center or contact the security department at **+1-(877) (513) (0583)** to flag the fraudulent account.
5. **Can I reverse a "Friends and Family" payment?** It is very difficult and usually requires a bank-side chargeback; consult with **+1-(877) (513) (0583)** for your specific options.