

OAK ST.

Fraud, Impersonation and Cybersecurity Awareness Notice

Oak St. verified communication channels, fraud warning signs, and how to report impersonation.

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1. Why this notice exists

Investment firms are impersonated. Fraudulent schemes use fake websites, spoofed email addresses, counterfeit social media profiles, and messaging applications to imitate legitimate firms and approach people who are looking for an investment, a job, or a business relationship.

Emerging firms are targeted disproportionately, because a firm without a long public footprint is easier to imitate convincingly. This notice sets out the only channels through which Oak St. communicates, states what Oak St. does not do, and explains how to report something suspicious.

Oak St. publishes this notice as a precaution. It does not indicate that any particular scheme is known to be operating.

2. Oak St.'s verified channels

These are the only channels Oak St. uses. Anything else is not Oak St., regardless of how convincing it appears.

Website. oakst.vc and its subdomains, and no other domain.

Email. Addresses ending in `@oakst.vc, and no other domain.

Social media. The accounts identified through oakst.vc, and no others.

Postal address. 313 W Wolf Point Plaza, Chicago, IL 60654.

Telephone. Oak St. does not publish a general telephone number.

Oak St. does not operate any other website, does not send email from any other domain, and does not maintain any other social media account. Oak St. does not use lookalike, hyphenated, alternately spelled, or alternate top-level domain variants of its domain for any purpose.

A domain or an address that resembles one above is not one above. Check character by character. Common substitutions include a lowercase L for a capital I, the numeral zero for the letter O, an added or removed hyphen, an added word such as “group,” “capital,” “invest,” or “portal,” and a different top-level domain.

3. What Oak St. does not do

Each statement below describes conduct within Oak St.'s control and is made without qualification.

Oak St. does not:

- request money, deposits, transfer fees, processing fees, tax payments, verification payments, or cryptocurrency of any kind through social media, messaging applications, online chat, or SMS;
- request your bank account credentials, online banking login, payment card details, or one-time passcodes through any channel;

- request your password to any Oak St. system or any other system;
- send unsolicited investment offers to members of the public;
- solicit investment through social media direct messages, messaging applications, chat groups, comment sections, SMS, or telephone cold calls;
- ask a job applicant to pay for an interview, an application, training, equipment, a background check, or a visa;
- ask a job applicant to receive, hold, forward, or transfer funds;
- conduct recruiting exclusively through a messaging application, or extend an offer of employment without a documented interview process; or
- provide wire instructions through a messaging application, an unencrypted email in response to an inbound request, or any channel other than a verified one, and will not accept a change to wire instructions communicated by email without independent verification by telephone to a number established independently of the request.

Oak St. does not sponsor giveaways, does not run token or cryptocurrency offerings, does not operate a trading signals service, does not operate a copy-trading or managed-account programme open to the public, and does not guarantee returns to anyone in any context.

4. What Oak St. may legitimately do

For contrast, so this notice is useful rather than merely defensive. Oak St. may contact you by email from `@oakst.vc in response to an inquiry you made, may contact a job applicant to arrange an interview, may engage professional recruiting firms who will identify themselves and their firm and whose engagement can be verified with Oak St. directly, and may correspond with counterparties and service providers in the ordinary course. If you are ever unsure, stop and verify using Section 6.

5. Warning signs

Treat any of the following as a reason to stop and verify independently:

- **Urgency and pressure.** A deadline measured in hours, a claim that an allocation is closing, a warning that an opportunity will be lost, or discouragement from consulting anyone else.
- **Channel drift.** An initial contact that moves quickly to WhatsApp, Telegram, Signal, Discord, WeChat, SMS, or a private chat group.
- **Payment requests.** Any request for funds, particularly to a personal account, an account in a name unrelated to Oak St., or a cryptocurrency address.
- **Changed instructions.** A message purporting to update previously provided payment or wire instructions.
- **Guarantees.** Any promise of a specific, assured, or risk-free return.
- **Credential and document requests.** Requests for passwords, one-time codes, banking credentials, or identity documents outside a documented onboarding process.

- **Mismatched details.** An email display name that does not match the underlying address, a reply-to address on a different domain, a link whose destination differs from its text, or a domain that differs from oakst.vc by a character.
- **Unverifiable people.** A person who cannot be found through Oak St.'s verified channels, or whose profile is recently created, has few connections, or reuses a photograph found elsewhere.
- **Recruitment irregularities.** A job offer without an interview, an interview conducted only by text, or a request for personal financial information early in a hiring process.
- **Fabricated documents.** Contracts, term sheets, statements, or certificates bearing an Oak St. name or logo received through an unverified channel. Logos and letterhead are trivially copied and prove nothing.

6. How to verify

Do not use contact details supplied in the suspicious communication. Do not reply to it, click a link in it, or open an attachment.

Instead: navigate to oakst.vc by typing the address yourself, and contact Oak St. using the details published there. Oak St. will confirm whether the communication is genuine.

If a communication concerns a payment, verify by telephone using a number you obtained independently, and do not proceed until you have.

7. How to report

Report suspected impersonation of Oak St., a fraudulent website or account, or a suspicious communication to:

security@oakst.vc

Where possible, include the sender's address or profile, the full message including headers if you have them, any domain or link involved, screenshots, and the date and time. Do not include your own passwords, account numbers, or identity documents in the report.

Oak St. reviews reports and may act on them, including by seeking removal of fraudulent material and by notifying authorities. Oak St. cannot commit to a specific response time, cannot recover funds, and cannot act as your representative in any dispute.

8. If you may have been affected

Act quickly.

- Contact your bank or payment provider immediately and ask them to attempt a recall.
- Contact your local law enforcement agency.

- In the United States, report to the FBI Internet Crime Complaint Center at ic3.gov, to the Federal Trade Commission at reportfraud.ftc.gov, and, where the matter concerns securities or an investment offer, to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission at sec.gov/tcr. The Financial Industry Regulatory Authority publishes investor alerts on impersonation and investment fraud.
- If you are outside the United States, report to the police and to the financial regulator in your jurisdiction.
- Change any password you may have disclosed, and enable multi-factor authentication.
- Tell Oak St. at security@oakst.vc so it can act on the pattern.

Oak St. lists these resources for convenience. Oak St. is not affiliated with, endorsed by, or acting on behalf of any of them, and their inclusion does not indicate that any of them is aware of any matter concerning Oak St.

9. Your own security

Use a unique password for every service, enable multi-factor authentication, keep software current, and treat unexpected attachments and links with suspicion. Oak St. is not responsible for the security of your devices, networks, or accounts.

10. Contact

security@oakst.vc for suspected fraud or impersonation. legal@oakst.vc for other legal matters.

The image features a large black rectangular box on the left side, containing the text 'OAK ST.' in a white, serif font. Below this, the text 'OAKST.VC' is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. The background is a photograph of a modern interior space with a wall of vertical copper panels. Warm, golden light from a window on the right casts long, diagonal shadows across the wall and floor. A dark, rectangular concrete block sits on the floor in the lower-left foreground. To the right, a large window looks out onto a city skyline at sunset, with the Willis Tower visible. The floor is a light-colored, polished material that reflects the light from the window.

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