

BEWARE OF FAKE TRADING APP SCAMS!

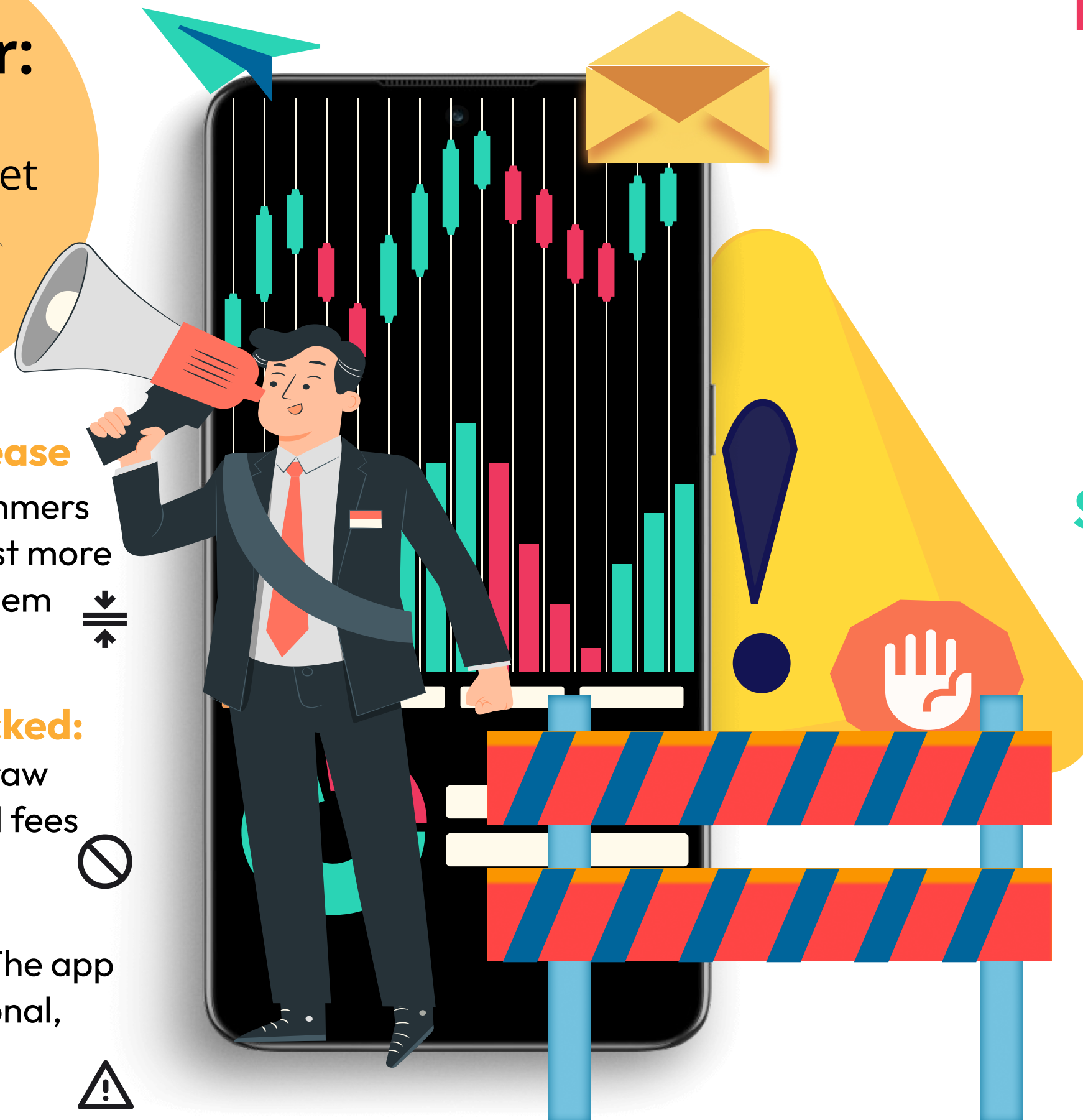
Scammers lure investors with promises of high returns and "exclusive" access through fake trading apps and social media groups

Stages of the Scam:

- 1 Social Media Hook:** Attractive ads on WhatsApp/Telegram promising high returns. 
- 2 Trust Building:** Fake "experts" share analysis, successful track records, screenshots, and initial successful tips 
- 3 Fake Trading App Introduction:** Victims download fake trading app 
- 4 Fake Profits:** The app shows profits, encouraging further investment. 

Remember:
Invest Wisely,
Don't Fall for Get
Rich Quick
Schemes !

- 5 Pressure to Increase Investment:** Scammers urge victims to invest more or "borrow" from them 
- 6 Withdrawal Blocked:** Victims can't withdraw money; excuses and fees arise 
- 7 Scam Exposed:** The app becomes dysfunctional, revealing the fraud. 



Red Flags:

- Unverified app links or apk files (download only from official app stores!)
- Payments to third-party accounts (legitimate platforms don't do this)
- Unrealistic promises (guaranteed returns in the securities market are a scam!)

Stay Safe:

- Verify platform legitimacy (check on Exchanges website or SEBI Investor website under Registered Mobile Trading Apps Section (<https://investor.sebi.gov.in/Investor-support.html>))
- Be skeptical of investment advice / Stock tips on social media
- Report any suspicious activity to cyber cell, I4C helpline 1930 (<https://cybercrime.gov.in/>)