

# Email Scam -Trading Standards Warning

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Consumers are warned to beware of the following variation on the 'respond and you will get lots of money' scam. The unsolicited email gives a Yahoo email address to respond to and is a way of hooking vulnerable people into giving personal details. The main body of the email is printed below:

RE: MY LAST WILL

Assalam Allekum,

My name is Mohammed Ahmed. I am a dying man who have decided to donate the sum of \$18m million dollars.) to you for the good work of the humanity.

Please contact me via email for details information on this noble project of mine Please note that I have WILLED \$18m to you by quoting my personal reference number s/Jds/577/0018/Htrl/33ln/eg so that i can confirm that you actually received my email notice to you.

Wassalam and regards,  
Mohammed Ahmed

Consumers need to be aware that there are thousands of variations on such a theme out there at the moment and that they are all fraudulent- there is no reason for a stranger to hand out money to someone he does not know in another country.

Please refer any complaints to Lancashire Trading Standards Service, 55 Guildhall Street, Preston, Lancs PR1 3NU via Consumer Direct tel 08454 040506. If anyone has received threats or has lost money they should contact the police.