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Beware of EPWP job scams

The City of Cape Town has recently become aware of a new EPWP jobs scam circulating on WhatsApp that refers to mass recruitment for EPWP in 2023. It invites potential recruits to apply via an external link for a chance at a work opportunity with a monthly stipend between R7 000 and R20 000.

The City's Urban Waste Management Directorate understands this link has since been shut down, given some job seekers were still falling victim to similar tricks. It would like to remind residents to learn to distinguish between a real job opportunity and a fake one.

Here are some common signs that a job is a scam:

- The recruiter contacts you.
- You receive a job offer right away.
- The pay is suspiciously high.
- Job requirements and description are vague.
- The company requires payment from you to be eligible for consideration.
- The job promises that you will get

wealthy fast.

■ Communication appears unprofessional (spelling/grammar errors).

■ Contact information for the employer or company is missing.

■ A company requests confidential information before hiring.

"We appeal to job seekers please to be extra-vigilant," said Mayco Member for Urban Waste Management Grant Twigg. "It is very important to note the City would never ask community members to pay for job opportunities or pay to apply for a job."

If you would like to be considered for EPWP work opportunities, the only way to do this is to register on the Jobseekers' Database at your local sub-council office.

Please bring a copy of your CV, your ID or a valid South African work permit. EPWP beneficiaries are randomly selected from this database.

■ **For more information contact the EPWP HelpDesk on 021 400 9406 or email epwp.help@capetown.gov.za.**