

Money mules

– Young people are attracted to crime

Criminal gangs recruit children and young adults to launder money that comes from criminal activity. Young people are tricked, enticed, forced, or threatened to withdraw or transfer money from their accounts that they have in turn been sent. This makes them into so-called “money mules”. It is a crime to act as a money mule and launder money.

Did you know that:

- ◆ The money mule commits a crime even if they are unaware that what they are doing is unlawful.
- ◆ Money laundering is a crime for which you can be punished and be held liable for repayment. You can also be banned from using BankID and Swish.
- ◆ Anyone who acts as a money mule is at risk of being threatened and recruited into serious criminal activity. This can mean being forced to commit serious crimes, like handling weapons and hand grenades or even committing murder.



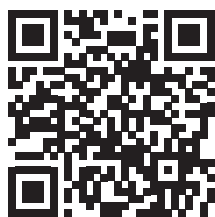
Keep in mind that:

- ◆ As the guardian of an underage child, you have the right to review your child's bank account. You can keep an eye on what your child is doing with their money and discover any suspicious transactions.
- ◆ Show interest in the online activity of your child or young people to whom you are close. Ask them, "What's been happening online today?"
- ◆ Do you suspect that money that may be tied to money laundering has been deposited into your child's account? Contact the bank and file a police report.

Who is a money mule?

A money mule is somebody who launders money by allowing their account to be used and by helping to move, withdraw or transfer money that comes from criminal activity

Money laundering is a way to funnel money from a crime into the financial system so that it appears to be legally earned money. Laundering hides the criminal origin of the money.



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