The WhatsApp Spam Dojo

A Quick Reference for Admins

Change the Locks, Keep the Welcome Mat

When scam posts hit

Remove/report accounts (Group, Community) → Save evidence → Delete scam posts → Check permissions → Reset the join link → Share selectively → Update the validated blocklist → Review pending join requests.

> **If posts arrive faster than admins can remove them:** Temporarily set **Send messages → Only admins**. Restore **All members** when the disruption has passed.

Lock down entry, not conversation

Group info → Group permissions

Setting	Value
Add new members / Add other members	Only admins
Invite via link / QR code (if shown)	Only admins
Require admin approval / Approve new members	On
Edit group settings	Only admins
Send messages	All members

If you administer a Community: Community info → Community Settings

Community permission	Value
Who can add new members	Only admins
Who can add new groups	Only admins

Reset the link; maintain access

After scam posts or credible reports of scam accounts, use **Group info** → **Share** (or **Invite via link**) → **Reset link**. Reset the community link too if it may provide access. Update legitimate meeting materials. Share the new link in meetings, friend chats, or DMs, **not public group chats**. Keep an easy way for newcomers to obtain it.

Keep a validated blocklist

Use a **shared, nonpublic document** that authorized people can consult and maintain. Identify reliable contacts for reports and updates. Record numbers in international format; **sort by country code, then numerically**.

Validate before listing. A financial request alone isn't proof of a scam; a single well-documented incident may be enough. **Check join requests against the list.**

Coordinate

Use a **private admin/trusted-servant chat** to share relevant screenshots, phone numbers, and actions taken.

Optional privacy controls: Advanced Chat Privacy / Restricted Chat → On; **Send message history → Only admins**. These reduce exposure.

For explanations, limitations, and documentation, see the comprehensive guide. Menu names may vary by device and WhatsApp version.