

Kent Fraud Alert System



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Latest fraud scams

Tax Fraud – Phone Scam

I had a report this week from a Kent resident stating that they had received an automated message from 0151 785 9431 which said that there was “a tax fraud in their name” and that they needed to press button 1 on their telephone, otherwise they will be arrested. This is one of many type messages/scams that people are receiving threatening arrest. Firstly, please do not press button 1 and disconnect the call. The HMRC would never contact you and threaten you in this fashion. Secondly, if you know the number, then please report this to Action Fraud. I will then be made aware and hopefully can get these numbers blocked and disconnected. Finally, if you have a call blocker, then I would ask that you add this to your list of blocked numbers.

Covid-19 Related scams.

The below is an update from Action fraud in relation to Covid-19 scams. Nationally there have been 3,352 victims with losses of £15 million. If you want to know more about this and see **The top 10 Covid-19 Scams** then please check their website for more information - <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/covid19>



Coronavirus scams *Aug 7th 2020*

- A total of **£14,913,862** has been reported lost by **3,352 victims** of coronavirus-related scams. We have received **15,371 reports** of coronavirus-related phishing emails.
- Visit [actionfraud.police.uk/covid19](https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/covid19) for the latest information and guidance on how to protect yourself from coronavirus-related scams.

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Report a non-urgent crime online www.kent.police.uk/report
Talk to us on LiveChat – available 24/7 www.kent.police.uk/contact
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Netflix – Phishing emails.

I previously reported on this scam and wanted to give you an update and some more information on how to protect you. There have now been nationally 2000 reported victims of this scam. The phishing email directs you to a realistic website, where the fraudsters will try to get you to update your details including financial information.

If you receive any emails impersonating Netflix, then please do not click any links directing you to a website. If concerned, then contact Netflix direct on a trusted number. Additionally, forward any emails to Report@phishing.gov.uk or phishing@netflix.com so that further action can be taken.

Netflix have further helpful information about this on their website, which you can review at - <https://help.netflix.com/en/node/65674>

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SCAM WARNING

Watch out for these FAKE Netflix emails

Action Fraud has received over 2,000 reports about fake emails purporting to be from Netflix. The emails state that the recipient's account is "on hold" due to payment issues. The links provided in the emails lead to genuine-looking phishing websites that are designed to steal Netflix login details, as well as personal and financial information.

Your bank, or any other official organisation, won't ask you to share personal information over email or text. If you need to check that it's a genuine message, call them directly.

Spotted a suspicious email? Forward it to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS) - Report@phishing.gov.uk



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Final Alert of the week –

NHS Charity Fraud.

Fraudsters are using people's good nature in wanting to support the NHS by sending out fake emails impersonating them and getting people to believe that they are donating money when in fact they are lining the criminal's pockets. The fraudsters have been asking people to send monies directly to bank accounts or using Bitcoin.

The NHS would never ask people to send monies direct to a bank account by bank transfer or donate using Bitcoin. If you want to donate, then please do so via the official channels. Never click on any links on suspicious emails and forward them to Report@phishing.gov.uk

The following is available for you to share.

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Watch out for scam messages asking for donations to the NHS

- The NHS will never ask you to send money directly to a bank account, or make a payment using Bitcoin. If you would like to donate to the NHS you can do so via their official channels or your local NHS Trust.
- Don't click on the links or attachments in suspicious emails and never respond to messages that ask for your personal or financial details.

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