

Kent Fraud Alert System



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Beware of Spoofing Scams – what are they?

Many phone handsets now let you see the number of the person calling before you answer. This feature is known as 'Caller ID' and is a handy way of screening the calls you want to answer from the ones you do not. However, there have been growing instances of criminals deliberately changing the Caller ID, a practice known as 'spoofing'.

Sometimes there's a good reason for a caller to modify the Caller ID, however, identity thieves who want to steal sensitive information such as your bank account or login details, sometimes use spoofing to pretend their calling you from your bank or credit card company. **Additionally, we are seeing a trend of fraudsters using the technology to impersonate Police stating that your bank account has been compromised and to transfer monies online to a safe account which they will provide you details of.**

Never give out your personal information in response to an incoming telephone call or rely upon the Caller ID as the sole means of identification, particularly if the caller asks you to carry out an action which might have financial consequences.

If someone telephones you asking for this information, don't provide it. Instead, hang up and call the telephone number on your account statement, in the phone book or on the company's or government department's website to check whether the call was genuine. Return the call on another phone if possible or wait at least 10 minutes before making the call. Better still, telephone a family member or friend to ensure the line has been cleared and you are not still speaking to the fraudster or is accomplice.

Remember the Police or your Bank will never ask you for your PIN or account details and will never ask you to withdraw or move monies into an account for safe keeping.

If you believe that you may have fallen victim to this type of scam, then please contact your Bank immediately and then report to Action Fraud as soon as possible by calling 0300 123 2040 or visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk

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Vaccine Scams

The below link will take you to a short 45 second film that has been made by the Metropolitan Police about how to avoid becoming a victim of vaccine scams. Unfortunately, due to the format that I have to send these alerts, you will need to copy the below link and paste it in to your search engine but I promise it is worthwhile.

<https://news.met.police.uk/videos/vaccine-fraud-information-video-111068>

I have additionally attached to the email sending this week's K'FAS alerts a leaflet and poster that had been distributed by HM Government about vaccine scams. Please feel free to share this and the short film with friends and family.

Vaccine fraud information video

Video • Jan 29, 2021 08:00 GMT



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FRAUD ALERT – BEWARE OF UNSOLICITED CALLS FROM ACTION FRAUD

Action Fraud have warned that they are aware of fraudsters impersonating them in order to obtain your personal/banking data. There is a possibility that they will “spoof” Action Frauds telephone number in order to convince you that they are genuine. I would refer you to my first alert on spoofing.

Remember, Action Fraud or the Police will never telephone you asking for Account details or PIN numbers etc. They will never ask you to transfer or withdraw monies for them to put in safe place.

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Alert: We are aware of a new scam circulating where criminals are contacting victims claiming to be from Action Fraud.

If you get a call from someone claiming to be from Action Fraud, hang up immediately. If you receive a suspicious email, report it to: Report@phishing.gov.uk



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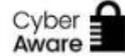
Sainsburys Phishing Scam

Fraudsters have been sending out phishing emails impersonating Sainsburys with promises of money and prizes and asking you to click on a link contained within the email, so that they can steal your personal and banking information. Another “too good to be true offer.”

Remember never click on links from unsolicited emails and if you receive an email that you think is suspicious then forward to report@phishing.gov.uk

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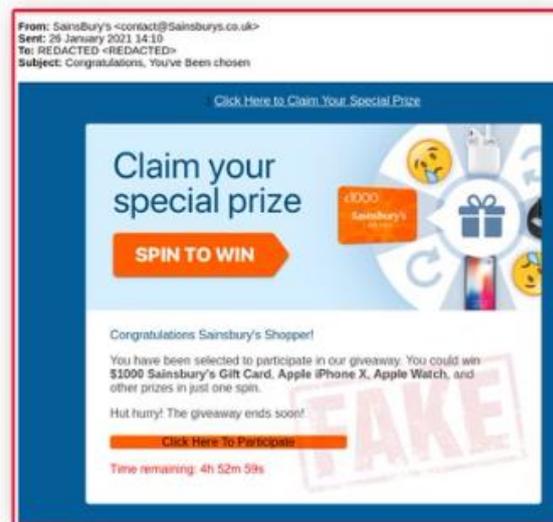
SCAM WARNING



Sainsbury's scam emails reported over 500 times

Action Fraud received over 500 reports last week about fake emails purporting to be from Sainsbury's. The emails state that the recipient has been “selected to participate” in a gift card giveaway. The links provided in the emails lead to genuine-looking phishing websites that are designed to steal 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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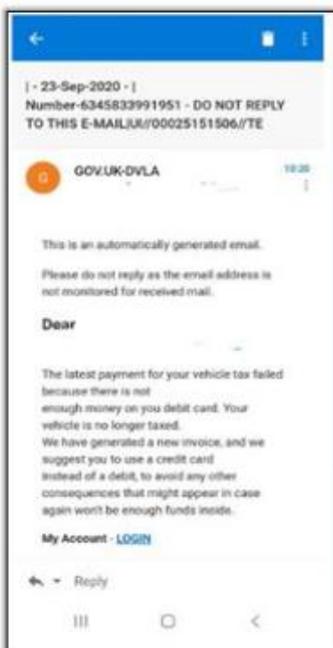
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DVLA Phishing emails

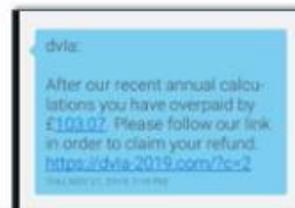
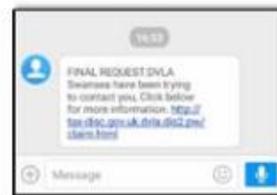
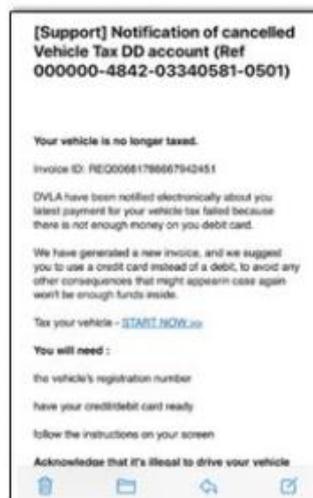
Finally, some of you have been contacting me about suspicious emails impersonating DVLA. Below are some of the most recent form that these bogus emails and text messages have taken.

Make sure you use GOV.UK for DVLA services and information. Remember never click on links from unsolicited emails and if you receive an email that you think is suspicious then forward to report@phishing.gov.uk

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