

Kent Fraud Alert System



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National Crime Agency Scam Calls

I have received a report from several people who have stated that they received hoax calls with an automated message claiming to be from the National Crime Agency (NCA). The call states that they had been given instruction to suspend the persons national insurance number due to this being connected in some way with crime/fraud. The person is asked to press a button to speak to someone about this. Do not press any buttons as it is a scam.

One of the people receiving the call, stated that the number that they received the call from was 07912103772.

The NCA will never contact people in this way and any of these types of calls quoting problems with you National Insurance Number are all scams. The NCA, Police, HMRC etc. will never call you like this asking you to press "button 1" or click on a link in a text or email or divulge Bank account and Pin numbers etc or to send monies to them to pay fines.

If you believe that you may have fallen victim to this type of scam, then please contact you 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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Investment Scams

There has been a rise in investment frauds since April 2020, resulting in victims losing man thousands of pounds. If you're offered unusually high returns on an investment, it could be a scam. Check the FCA warning list before investing at <https://www.fca.org.uk/scamsmart>

Here is how you can spot the warning signs –

- Unexpected contact – Traditionally scammers cold-call but contact can also come from online sources e.g. email or social media, post, word of mouth or even in person at a seminar or exhibition.
- Time pressure – They might offer you a bonus or discount if you invest before a set date or say the opportunity is only available for a short period.
- Social proof – They may share fake reviews and claim other clients have invested or want in on the deal.
- Unrealistic returns – Fraudsters often promise tempting returns that sound too good to be true, such as much better interest rates than elsewhere. However, scammers may also offer realistic returns in order to seem more legitimate.
- False authority - Using convincing literature and websites, claiming to be regulated, speaking with authority on investment products.
- Flattery – Building a friendship with you to lull you into a false sense of security.
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Amazon Phone Scams

A reminder about Amazon scam calls. I am still receiving reports from people stating that they received repeated automated telephone calls stating that they owe Amazon £79.99 for a service charge and that this will be taken from their account and in order to cancel the payment they need to press button 1 to speak to an advisor.



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Please do not press any buttons as this is a scam!!!

Remember Amazon will never contact anyone in this way.

Additionally, never click on links contained within unsolicited emails and text messages.

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