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Update on Census Fraud

We have been alerted by Action Fraud that fraudsters have been using the Census as an opportunity to trick people into paying a penalty for missing information on their census forms.

Please remember that you will only ever be contacted about the Census via letter, and any approaches by email, text or phone are a scam.

If you believe you have fallen victim to this scam, then report it to Action Fraud at www.actionfraud.police.uk or calling 0300 123 2040 and forward any scam text messages to 7726.



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In an emergency, if crime is in progress or life is in danger call **999**

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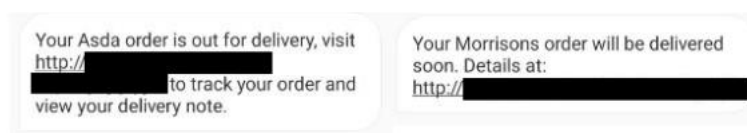


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From our colleagues at Kent Protect - Asda and Morrisons “out for delivery” text scam”

How the scam works –

One of the fake texts (shown below) claims ‘your Asda order is out for delivery’ while another pretending to be from Morrison’s claims to offer details of your grocery order.



The links will lead you to a webpage that apparently allows you to track your order and view a delivery note. However, any details you put in this webpage is used by fraudsters to target your bank account.



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BT Phishing Email

This was forwarded to me this week by a Kent resident and appears to be another new phishing email. The link takes you to a website that is classified as being “malicious.”

If you get any suspicious emails like the below. Then please forward to report@phishing.gov.uk

From: Email Service XXXXXX
Sent: 21 May 2021 07:45
To: [XXXXXXXXX](#)
Subject: Checking Bill

British Telecommunications Plc

Dear user,

We're closing all older versions of our mailboxes from May 20, 2021.

Please follow the link below to update your account:

NEW VERSION

Thank you. Please do not reply to this message. Mail sent to this address cannot be answered.

British Telecommunications plc, Registered office: 81 Newgate Street, London, E1C1A 7AJ
Registered in England no: 18008000

All information was correct on the date we sent this email.

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Investment Fraud

This week we have been supporting an Action Fraud campaign via our twitter platform about investment scam's, which target both young and old and with victims often targeted via social media platforms. So, follows us on Twitter @KentPoliceECU to find out more.

Below is some advice from the City of London Police on how to avoid becoming a victim of these scams –

- Be suspicious if you are contacted out the blue about an investment opportunity. This could be via a cold call, an e-mail or an approach on social media.
- Don't be rushed into making an investment. No legitimate organisation will pressure you into making a transaction or committing to something on the spot. Take time to do your research.
- Seek advice from trusted friends, family members or independent professional advice services before making a significant financial decision. Even genuine investment schemes can be high risk.
- Use a financial advisor accredited by the Financial Conduct Authority. Paying for professional advice may seem like an unnecessary expense, but it will help prevent you from being scammed.
- Always check the FCA Register to make sure you're dealing with an authorised firm and check the FCA Warning List of firms to avoid.
- Only use the telephone number and email address on the FCA Register, not the contact details the firm gives you and look out for subtle differences.
- Just because a company has a glossy website and glowing reviews from 'high net worth' investors does not mean it is genuine – fraudsters will go to great lengths to convince you they are not a scam.
- Remember, if something sounds too good to be true, it probably is.



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