

Kent Fraud Alert System



TO STOP FRAUD™

Fraudsters impersonating Police Officers

This week there have been several reports of people in the Maidstone and Ashford areas getting calls from fraudsters impersonating London based Police Officers and trying to persuade them to hand over their bank cards. The fraudsters have been stating that they want them to assist with an investigation as offenders had been arrested in possession of their bank cards. Some of those called were told that someone would be sent to collect their credit card(s) so that these could be safeguarded.



Any calls like this are a SCAM. Police will never call you asking you to hand over your cards or to withdraw cash for them to collect for safe keeping. If you get a call like this, then disconnect the call. If you're ever unsure if a caller is genuine, remember the principle of ABC and Never Assume or Believe a caller is genuine and confirm by calling them back on a trusted number. Never ring them on a number that they have provided. Try to use a different phone to the one you have been rung on as fraudsters can remain on the line, even if you think they have been disconnected. If you have no alternative phone to hand, then wait 5 -10 minutes and then ring the number of a family member or friend to confirm the line has been cleared.

If you think that you may have been a victim of this type of scam, then contact your Bank immediately and report it to Action Fraud at www.actionfraud.police.uk or calling 0300 123 2040.

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Talk to us on LiveChat – available 24/7 www.kent.police.uk/contact
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If deaf or speech impaired, text 'police' and your message to **60066**

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Fraud Alert from Action Fraud

Action Fraud reported this week that they received over 700 reports in 72 hours about Phishing emails impersonating McAfee. The emails will state that there is a problem with your membership and that you need to click on a link, otherwise, you maybe at risk from Malware. By clicking on the link, you will be directed to a fake but realistic website, where they will seek to steal not only your personal information but your financial data as well.

The golden rule is never to click on links in unsolicited emails and if you ever receive an email that is suspicious then forward to report@phishing.gov.uk

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SCAM WARNING

Watch out for these FAKE McAfee emails

Action Fraud has received 749 reports in three days relating to fake emails purporting to be from McAfee. The emails state that the recipient's computer "could be at risk" from "viruses and other malware" if they don't renew their anti-virus subscription. The links in the emails lead to phishing websites that are designed to steal your 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, contact them directly.

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



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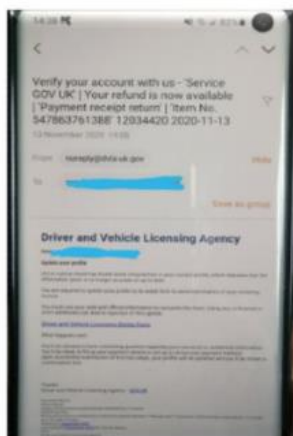
Emails and Texts impersonating DVLA

DVLA have recently issued an alert on their social media accounts warning about the below messages asking you to click on a link that will take you to a realistic fake website, where they will steal your personal information and/or financial information.

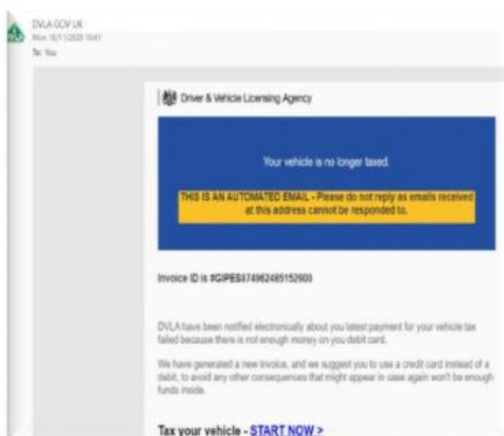
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