

Kent Fraud Alert System



TO STOP FRAUD™

Number 1 of 12 frauds of Christmas – Phishing

Received a suspicious text or email?

Contact the organisation directly. Do not use the numbers or address in the message – use the details from their official website.

Fraudsters put a lot of effort into making fake messages look real, report it by forwarding for FREE to 7726.

You can also report suspicious emails to report@phishing.gov.uk

Find out more by visiting our website at [Advice about fraud | Kent Police](#) and also from the Home Office at [Stop! Think Fraud - How to stay safe from scams](#)

If you have been a victim of any type of scam, then contact your Bank immediately, which you can do by calling 159 and reporting to Report Fraud at [Reporting cyber crime and fraud or phishing attempts - Report Fraud](#) or call 0300 123 2040.

Preventing fraud

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let's stop
scammers.



Remember, ABC:



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ActionFraud
Report cyber crime and fraud
0300 123 2040

KENT POLICE
01222 555555



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Kent Police

Report a non-urgent crime online www.kent.police.uk/report

Talk to us on LiveChat – available 24/7 www.kent.police.uk/contact

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

If you have a hearing or speech impairment, use our textphone service **18000**.

Or text us on 999 if you've pre-registered with the emergency SMS service.

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Number 2 of 12 frauds of Christmas – Pet Fraud

Thinking of adding a furry friend to the family this Christmas? If you are buying online:

- Do your research.
- Trust your instincts.
- Choose secure payment options, like a credit card.

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Number 3 of the 12 frauds of Christmas – Online Shopping

Follow our top tips to avoid online shopping scams this festive season.

- Research sellers, check they are legitimate.
- Use a credit card or secure payment platform.
- Only provide enough details to complete your purchase.

For more advice on how to protect yourself when shopping online, go to - [Shopping and paying safely online - NCSC.GOV.UK](https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/stop-think-fraud)

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SHOP ONLINE SECURELY THIS FESTIVE SEASON

Never pay by bank transfer and
use a **credit card** if you have one.

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Number 4 of the 12 frauds of Christmas – Conveyancing Fraud

Criminals are targeting home buyers and sellers with payment diversion scams.

Follow this advice to protect yourself.

- Agree on how bank details will be shared at the start of the process.
- If in doubt, stop and verify any payment information directly with your solicitor.
- Secure your email with a strong password and two-step verification.

Find out more at - [City of London Police warns public about surge in payment diversion fraud targeting property transactions | City of London Police](#)

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