

# CROYDON TRADING STANDARDS

## COMMUNITY ALERT

### WHAT IS CYBERCRIME?

Cybercrime is illegal activity carried out online or through digital devices like computers and smartphones. It can involve using technology to commit crimes, target victims, or provide a place for criminal activity. Common examples include hacking, ransomware, fraud, identity theft, online harassment, and cyberstalking. Cybercrime is a growing problem, with **58% of crimes** in England and Wales being online or cyber-enabled, affecting over **5 million victims in 2025**.



Cybercrime and cyber-enabled crime are growing threats affecting millions of people every year. Digital crime now accounts for 58% of all crime in England and Wales, impacting over 5 million victims in 2025.

Common types of cybercrime include:

-  Hacking
-  Ransomware attacks
-  Online fraud and investment scams
-  Identity theft
-  Online harassment
-  Cyberstalking

Staying informed and practicing online safety has never been more important. Learn how to protect yourself by reading the cybercrime factsheet

[www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/site-media/484316894/pdf](https://www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/site-media/484316894/pdf)

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