

Kent Fraud Alert System



TO STOP FRAUD™

HMRC Scams

It is tax season and fraudsters know it and will be sending out fake emails and text messages with offers of tax rebates or threats of arrest for unpaid tax.

From January 2023 HMRC might send you a text message if you call one of their helplines from a mobile phone. On the call, they will tell you to expect a text message and it will be either immediately or shortly after the call. In the text message they may send you a link to relevant GOV.UK information or a webchat. However, HMRC will never ask for personal or financial information when they send text messages.

Do not open any links or reply to a text message claiming to be from HMRC that offers you a tax refund in exchange for personal or financial details.

You should send any suspicious text messages to 60599 (network charges apply) or email phishing@hmrc.gov.uk then delete them.

Below is a useful link for HMRC for you to find out more information.

[Examples of HMRC related phishing emails, suspicious phone calls and texts - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

HMRC Refund: You have an outstanding Tax refund of £276.74 from 2020 to 2021. Follow instructions to claim your Tax refund at: <https://gov-tax.refundpr.com/>

Preventing fraud

Together, let's stop scammers.



Remember, ABC:



never Assume



never Believe



always Confirm

Get the latest scam advice:



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Contacting 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 deaf or speech impaired, text 'police' and your message to **60066**

www.kent.police.uk

