

Kent Fraud Alert System



TO STOP FRAUD™

UK passport scams

You may have seen in the media a warning recently of criminals using the current industrial action to target Holidaymakers offering fake fast track passport services amid the possible delays.

As always Criminals are quick to seize on any opportunity to scam people and are using ever increasing sophisticated methods to deceive people into paying for non-existent holidays and services, including quick passport renewals.

The scams will often make use of social media, emails and texts and will offer great holiday deals with the promise of a quick passport renewal thrown in. However, the holiday maker will eventually find out that it is all a scam and that they have lost their money.

Remember with any purchase, always carry out your research and only shop with reputable companies and make sure you know who you are dealing with and confirm what you will receive for the money you are paying, before parting with your hard earned cash.

Additionally, if you pay by credit card, you will be afforded some protection by section 75 of the Consumer Credit Act for amounts between £100 to £30,000 - [Section 75 of the Consumer Credit Act - Which?](#)

To avoid being scammed, check the URL and security of any website and independent reviews of the website itself. When renewing a passport, only use the government's official website - [HM Passport Office - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Preventing fraud

Together,
let's stop
scammers.



Remember, ABC:



never Assume



never Believe



always Confirm

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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

