Kent Fraud Alert System



Cost of living scams

With changes to disability payments being discussed in the news, scammers will see an opportunity to exploit this situation. Scammers often impersonate government agencies, such as the Department for Work

and Pensions (DWP), to trick individuals into revealing personal information like bank details or National Insurance numbers.

Please remember –

- DWP will never ask for personal details by SMS or email.
- Be sceptical: Be wary of unsolicited texts, emails, or social media messages that ask you to click on links.
- If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.
- If you receive a phone call, email or text asking for financial information or to send money and are uncertain, then STOP and apply the ABC of scam awareness and never **Assume** or **Believe** that a call/message is genuine but Confirm by calling via trusted number.





If you think that you may have been a victim of this or any other type of scam, then contact your Bank immediately, which you can do by calling 159 and report it to Action Fraud at www.actionfraud.police.uk or call 0300 123 2040.

For further information about Fraud, visit our website at Advice about fraud | Kent Police

You will also find valuable information from the Home Office at Stop! Think Fraud - How to stay safe from scams



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