

Kent Fraud Alert System



QR Code Scams in Kent make national news.

Over the last few months, I have been reporting/issuing alerts on scams involving QR codes being used by criminals in public places, in particular car parks.

Thanet, Ashford, Medway and Dover councils have recently been also issuing alerts with regards to this type of scam and this has now been reported by BBC News.

The QR stands for "Quick Response," the black and white squares work like a two-dimensional barcode and can be scanned by a phone or tablet.

Businesses often use them to direct people to things such as app downloads, payment platforms, social media accounts, menus and events listings.

How to protect yourself -

- If you are not sure if the website a QR code takes you to is genuine, search for it in your browser instead.
- QR code scams can trick people into downloading malware - so ensure phone security is up to date.
- 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.

To read this news item then go to - [Rise in reports of parking scams duping drivers in Kent - BBC News](#)



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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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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