

Kent Fraud Alert System



TO STOP FRAUD™

Fake Text Message/One Time Pass Code Scam

I was recently made aware by a member of the public of the following attempted scam.

They received a fake text message from a criminal impersonating Halifax with a one time pass code for a purchase at Argos. However, the intended victim did not have a Halifax account and realised it was a scam. It is uncertain what the one time pass code was for but may have been an attempt at a Sim Swap to enable them to take control of the intended victim's phone.

If you get any messages like this, never give out the code and forward the text message to 7726.



If you have been a victim of any type of scam, then contact your Bank immediately, which you can do by calling 159 and reporting to Report Fraud at [Reporting cyber crime and fraud or phishing attempts - Report Fraud](#) or call 0300 123 2040.

Find out more by visiting our website at [Advice about fraud | Kent Police](#) and also from the Home Office at [Stop! Think Fraud - How to stay safe from scams](#)

Preventing fraud

Together,
let's stop
scammers.



Remember, ABC:



never Assume



never Believe



always Confirm



**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 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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