# Kent Fraud Alert System



## Password Compromises/Hacks

During 2025, it was reported via haveibeenpwned.com site - Search that there was a large aggravated compromise of 2 billion unique email accounts. Attackers use these lists to compromise other, unrelated accounts of victims who have reused their passwords. The data also included 1.3 billion unique passwords.

We would urge people to check their email address at Have I Been Pwned: Check if your email address has been exposed in a data breach and if your password has been compromised, then change it straight away.

You can achieve a strong password by putting three random words together, as longer equals stronger and reduces the chances of anyone guessing or working out your password. For more information on this go to -Three random words - NCSC.GOV.UK

Additionally, always have a separate password for each of your accounts, as if you have one for all your accounts and this compromised, it will mean criminals will be able to access all your accounts.



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