

Kent Fraud Alert System



TO STOP FRAUD™

Investment Fraud

Criminals are targeting people across the UK with fake investment opportunities, promising high returns with little or no risk. These offers are scams and can result in serious financial loss.

Common Types of Investment Fraud

- Crypto & AI investments – fake platforms claiming guaranteed profits
- Clone firm scams – criminals pretending to be real UK-authorized companies
- Share or bond scams – “once-in-a-lifetime” opportunities
- Pension investment scams – pressure to move or release pension funds early
- Social media & messaging app scams – adverts or contacts via Facebook, WhatsApp, Telegram, TikTok

Warning Signs

- Guaranteed or “risk-free” returns
- Pressure to act quickly or keep it secret
- Requests to move money to a new account or crypto wallet
- Being contacted out of the blue by phone, email or social media
- Professional-looking websites or documents that do not feel quite right

How to Protect Yourself

- Stop – do not rush into decisions
- Check – search the Financial Services Register
- Ignore unexpected investment offers
- Never share bank details, PINs, or one-time passcodes
- Talk to a trusted friend, family member, or adviser before investing

Remember - Trust your instincts, if an investment sounds too good to be true, it almost certainly is.

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.

www.kent.police.uk   