

Kent Fraud Alert System



12 Frauds of Christmas

It is that time of year again when in association with Action Fraud we are supporting their national campaign. Here is number 3 and 4 of the 12 frauds of Christmas, can you guess what the others will be?

3. Online Shopping Fraud

Looking to bag a bargain online? Follow this advice from the National Cyber Security Centre on how to shop safely and spot a scam website.

[Shopping online securely - NCSC.GOV.UK](https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/online-shopping)

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.

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4. Cloned Companies Fraud

Cloned company scams affect both new and experienced investors. Fraudsters are impersonating the websites of real firms offering investments in stocks, cryptocurrency and ISA's.

The websites will look slick and professional but they are a trap to steal money.

Learn to spot the signs and do not hand your savings to a criminal. Check out the following from Action Fraud –

[Warning: Don't fall victim to fraudulent investment opportunities | Action Fraud](#)

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Courier Fraud Alert

Last week we had several reports of courier fraudsters being active across the county, in particular Margate, where we had 7 reports in one day.

The criminals were calling the victims and stating that they were the Police and that they needed them to assist with an investigation and wanted them to either withdraw money from their bank, as there was a problem with corrupt bank employees or that someone had been arrested with their bank card and required their card as evidence. The criminals would tell the victim that they would send a courier to either collect the cash or the bank card(s). To make it seem more genuine they were encouraged to ring 999 but not to disconnect the call that they were currently on but of course, the criminals would still be on the line.

The Police will NEVER call you like this to collect your card or cash. Neither will your Bank request that you transfer your money to a safe account. If you get a call like this, it is a scam.

Remember the ABC of Scam Awareness and Never Assume or Believe a call is genuine and confirm by calling back on a trusted number. Try to avoid using the same phone you were called on, as the criminals may be staying on the line. If another phone is not to hand, then wait 5 minutes and ring a family member or friend to ensure the line has been disconnected.

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**TARGETING RESIDENTS IN MARGATE,
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