

Kent Fraud Alert System



TO STOP FRAUD™

Beware of Covid 19 vaccination scams



With the start of the roll out of vaccines for Covid 19, we are aware that this will present opportunities for fraudsters to commit fraud by contacting people by Telephone, text, email and cold calling to offer the vaccine in return for a fee. If you do receive any contact of this nature it is a scam. People who receive the vaccine will not be required to pay for this or supply personal data/banking details or PIN numbers.

Beware of possible phone calls to book non-existent vaccine appointments, where you are asked to confirm a booking by pressing a number on their phone which results in you being billed by their provider, with a high value call.

As always, remember never click on any links requesting personal data/banking details.

Please report suspicious instances to Action Fraud. If you feel you may have fallen victim to this type of scam already, then please contact your Bank and report to Police by calling 101.

Remember our ABC message and Never Assume or Believe and always Confirm by calling the appropriate organisation on a trusted number using a different telephone that you were called on.

Preventing fraud

Together,
let's stop
scammers.



Remember, ABC:



never Assume



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Get the latest
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Police**

Contacting 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 deaf or speech impaired, text 'police' and your message to **60066**

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DPD Phishing Email

This current phishing scam is still very prevalent and I have been notified by a number of people receiving the scam email this week.

As you can see in the example below, the sender's email address is not one of the following: dpd.co.uk, dpdlocal.co.uk or dpdgroup.co.uk. This is an easy way to spot if the email is a scam. If the email address does not follow this format exactly, it is a scam and must not be opened.

Other indications are the use of poor language, with badly written sentences with spelling and grammatical errors. They will request you to click a link, in order to obtain your personal and financial data.

Remember ABC and never click on any links and if you receive any suspicious emails, please forward to report@phishing.gov.uk

From: DPD UK Parcel Delivery <845825zprhvx354423@telenet.be>

Date: 27 November 2020 at 01:11:27 GMT

To:

Subject: We tried to deliver your parcel today but you weren't in or there was no safe place to leave it.



Never miss a parcel delivery again

Dear

Your parcel number 87708730645534

We tried to deliver your parcel today but you weren't in or there was no safe place to leave it.

Your action is required. If this item is unclaimed by the return date, then it will be returned to sender.

The first and second delivery attempt was free of charge

To schedule a new delivery, a shipping fee must be paid.

[Reschedule delivery >](#)

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DVLA Phishing Scam

I have had a couple of reports in the last few days about this old favourite.

The email states that you need to click a link to update your details or pay DVLA money. If you receive this, it is a scam.

Please be aware that DVLA do not send emails with links. Therefore, any emails received asking you to click on a link from DVLA is a scam, do not click the link and report to report@phishing.gov.uk

The below is a current version of the scam.

From: dvla@uk.gov <jhc841969@hotmail.com>

Sent: 09 December 2020 13:17

To: XXXXXXX@hotmail.com

Subject: RE: We haven't received payment. OTN397957 Date: 12-09-2020



Your vehicle is no longer taxed.

Dear XXXXXXX@hotmail.com,

DVLA have been notified electronically about your latest payment for your vehicle tax failed because there is not enough money on your debit card.

We sent you a DVLA bill, and we still haven't received payment.

Acknowledge that it's **illegal** to drive your vehicle until you've taxed it.

Tax your vehicle - [START NOW >](#)

Notice: Un-taxed vehicles risk a fine of up to £240.

Yours sincerely

@GOV.UK

Vehicles Service Manager



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Online Shopping Fraud

£775 was the average loss by victims of online shopping fraud last Christmas. I do not know about you, but this would have been my entire budget for presents and I could not afford such a loss. Therefore, if you or someone you know is shopping online this festive season, then please click on the following Action Fraud web page for top tips to buy online securely and please share with family and friends. It might save them money and they can buy you a bigger present.

<https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/shoponlinesafely>

#FraudFreeXmas **SALE**

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Payment method £

If you decide to go ahead with the purchase, ensure that the webpage where you enter your payment details is secure (website address starts with "https"). Using a credit card to pay online also means that should the worst happen and your payment details are compromised, your main bank account won't be directly affected.

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