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Investment scams

The below link will take you to a 9 minute presentation on investment fraud, which is on The Fraud Safety Channel. The presentation offers further advice to help you avoid investing your money in a scam. You can additionally subscribe to receive regular updates and inputs on other types of fraud and this is all free. The speaker on this video is Ashley Jones who is a fraud protect advisor with the South West Regional Organised Crime Unit. Unfortunately, due to the format that I have to send these alerts, you will need to copy the below link and paste it in to your search engine but I promise it is worthwhile.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VKv2sgzmtms&feature=youtu.be>

If you believe that you may have fallen victim to this type of scam, then please contact your Bank immediately and then report to Action Fraud as soon as possible by calling 0300 123 2040 or visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk



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Vaccine Scams

Below are just a few examples of the fake coronavirus vaccination emails we are seeing. If you receive an email, text message or phone call purporting to be from the NHS and you are asked to provide financial details, or pay for the vaccine, this is a scam.

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If you are not sure if an email or letter is genuine, then contact your GP to confirm or if you receive a call supposedly from the NHS/GP and you are still not sure, then ring them back via a Trusted number using a different phone to the one which you were rung on or if you do not have another phone to hand, then ring a family member or friend to ensure that your line has been cleared.

“The bottom line though is that the NHS will never ask for payment or bank details for the vaccine.”

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Resurgence of HMRC scams

As we get closer to the end of the financial year and with us all in the continuing lock down, fraudsters will look to take advantage of the situation by sending out emails, texts and phone calls promising Tax refunds and requesting your financial details or with threats that you owe tax and will be arrested.

HMRC will never send you an email or text requesting you click on a link or call you to say you need to pay a fine and that you need to pay by Gift Cards. Beware of requests to also pay fines directly by Bank Transfer, as these are scams. Never send copies of passports or other identity documents as these can be used by the fraudsters for identity theft. Always protect your personal data.

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Watch out for HMRC tax refund scams

- Don't click on the links or attachments in suspicious emails, and never respond to messages that ask for your personal or financial details, including requests to send images that prove your identity.
- HMRC will **never** text, email or phone you to ask for bank details, PINs or passwords.

Learn more: actionfraud.police.uk/covid19

From: info@HMRC.co.uk
Subject: REF: 06-ATLXW7TR09 - Important - 187447964511H from HMRC(COVID-19) - Stay At Home.
Date: 11 April 2020 at 16:33:20 BST
To:

You have a new message from HMRC about your Tax Refund.

Our annual calculations related your activity determined that you are eligible to receive a tax refund of GBP755.00.

In order to complete your Tax Refund, we require one proof of identity and one proof of address.

Please provide a colored copy of your valid ID and proof of address no longer than 3 months (JAHV utility bill, bank statement etc). The following (ID's) that we accept are:

- Passport (full details page and barcode has to be visible)
- Utility bill (just mobile phones)

* A photo of yourself holding your passport in your hand (has to be visible) so we can carry out a full identification, this picture it can also be made with a webcam or a smartphone that will be able to take a good photo. A "selfie" with your Passport would be great.

Please send documentation to: HM.TaxRefund.Office

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