

Kent Fraud Alert System



Number 9 of the 12 frauds of Christmas – QR Codes

What is a QR code scam?

A QR Code Scam is a deceptive practice where fraudsters exploit QR codes to perpetrate fraud and steal personal information.

Typically, these scams involve the creation of counterfeit QR codes that, when scanned, redirect users to fraudulent websites.

Remember, Never Assume or Believe something is genuine and always Confirm before clicking a link or scanning a QR code.

For more about fraud visit our website at [Advice about fraud | Kent Police](#) and also the Home Office at [Stop! Think Fraud - How to stay safe from scams](#)

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.

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Number 10 of the 12 frauds of Christmas – Ticket Fraud

Buying event tickets online?

Watch out for scams!

Only buy tickets from trusted sources, such as the venue's box office, official promoters or agents, or reputable ticketing websites.

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How to avoid ticket scams

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Number 11 of the 12 frauds of Christmas - Rogue Traders

Never respond to cold callers! You could pay an excessive cost for unnecessary and poor quality work.

Please warn your vulnerable friends and family to be alert.

Need work done? Use a safe, local trader via [Trading Standards Checked](#)

Want to protect loved ones who aren't online from doorstep crime and scams?

Visit - [Teacher in your Pocket - Kent County Council](#)

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Protect yourself and others against rogue traders

Most people who call at your home are genuine. But sometimes people may turn up unannounced and try to sell you services or items you do not want or need or carry out unnecessary repairs to your home at inflated prices.

If you're concerned about someone calling at your home, **don't open your door**.

You can:

- Ask for identification and call their company yourself (not on a number they provide) to check they are genuine
- Ask the visitor to return another time when someone can be with you
- Get three written quotes
- Ask family and friends for recommendations
- Agree payment arrangements and start and finish dates in writing beforehand, and never pay in full until you're completely satisfied with the work.

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Pressurised selling on your doorstep is a crime and you can report it:

- [kent.gov.uk/tradingstandards](#) or call 0808 223 1133
- For advice: [citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer](#)

For more information and advice visit [kent.police.uk/fraud](#) or email KFA5@ecis.police.uk



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Number 12 of the 12 frauds of Christmas – Investment Fraud

Considering an investment opportunity you have been offered? You should treat the offer with extreme caution if there's:

- Pressure to invest (e.g. time limited offers).
- Downplayed risk of losing your money.
- Promised returns that sound too good to be true.

Use [@TheFCA](#)

ScamSmart to check an investment or pension opportunity you have been offered and avoid scams: <https://fca.org.uk/scamsmart>

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