

Kent Fraud Alert System



TO STOP FRAUD™

Distraction Thefts

Recently in the Dymchurch area we had reports of distraction thefts at ATM's.

Criminals will try a range of techniques to obtain your card and PIN, so always remain vigilant.

- At a cash machine always stay alert and put your personal safety first.
- If someone is crowding or watching you, cancel the transaction and alert a member of staff.
- Do not accept help from seemingly well-meaning strangers and never allow yourself to be distracted.

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.

Preventing fraud

Together,
let's stop
scammers.



Remember, ABC:

-  never Assume
-  never Believe
-  always Confirm

Get the latest
scam advice: 
[@KentPoliceECU](https://twitter.com/KentPoliceECU)



For further information about Fraud, visit our website at [Advice about fraud | Kent Police](http://www.kent.police.uk/advice-about-fraud)

ALT



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   

Kent Fraud Alert System



Book your Free Fraud/Cyber Protect Presentation STOP FRAUD™

Book your Cyber/Fraud Protect Presentation for 2024 – It is FREE.

Our Cyber and Fraud Protect Officers are keen to give presentations to organisations and community groups on how to protect yourselves from the threat of Cyber and fraud Scams and avoid criminals stealing your money.

If you are part of or in charge of any groups that would benefit from this input, then please contact Arran Ostridge, Steve Kelly or Lee Edwards-Gee by the following emails –

61736@kent.police.uk

lee.edwards-gee@kent.police.uk

Stephen.kelly@kent.police.uk



Preventing fraud

Together,
let's stop
scammers.



Remember, ABC:

 never Assume

 never Believe

 always Confirm

Get the latest
scam advice:



@KentPoliceECU



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   

Kent Fraud Alert System



TO STOP FRAUD™

Car Sale Scams

We have recently been advised of several reports of people being scammed when selling their vehicles online.

The scam involves 2 or 3 people attending the sellers address and whilst one distracts the seller another will put oil in the coolant of the vehicle for sale.

They will then show this to the seller and state that the engine, if not blown, has blown and offer a much lower amount for the vehicle.

Best advice –

- Stay with the buyers - don't leave them alone with the car or allow yourself to be distracted at the rear of the vehicle whilst someone is looking at the engine.
- Be aware of suspicious behaviour - scammers will often request an enormous discount due to the 'fault' with the vehicle.
- Be confident to refuse the sale - if you are doubtful about how genuine the buyer is or believe that something suspicious is going on, do not hand over the keys.



Preventing fraud

Together, let's stop scammers.



Remember, ABC:



never Assume



never Believe



always Confirm

Get the latest scam advice:



@KentPoliceECU

For further information about Fraud, visit our website at [Advice about fraud | Kent Police](#)



**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   

Kent Fraud Alert System



TO STOP FRAUD™

Rogue Traders/Doorstep Criminals

At this time of year, Rogue Traders are very active around the county, therefore We will be running regular updates on Rogue trading across Kent.

- KCC have received reports of suspected rogue traders operating in Bearsted (Maidstone), where four men were offering to jet wash driveways. They demanded cash payments but were unable to supply any paperwork.
- In Margate, a resident found a plumber via a local advert and paid them £375 to carry out work. The trader then wanted an additional £2,000 which the resident refused. No work was carried out and the rogue trader would not refund the initial amount.

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.

For further information about Fraud, visit our website at [Advice about fraud](#) | [Kent Police](#)

Preventing fraud

Together, let's stop scammers.



Remember, ABC:

 never Assume

 never Believe

 always Confirm

Get the latest scam advice:



@KentPoliceECU



Kent County Council TRADING STANDARDS



Kent County Council TRADING STANDARDS Kent Police



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   

Kent Fraud Alert System



TO STOP FRAUD™

Courier Fraud

Recently we have seen reports of this type of crime in Maidstone, Tunbridge Wells X 2, Ashford, Canterbury X 2, Dartford and Rochester.

Courier Fraud is a type of fraud where fraudsters contact victims by telephone, pretending to be a Police Officer or bank official. The caller might be able to confirm some easily obtainable basic details about the victim such as their full name and address to substantiate their claim. The Criminals trick victims into thinking they are dealing with genuine officials.

When impersonating Police, they will often ask you to withdraw cash from your Bank to assist with an investigation. They will arrange for the money to be collected for fingerprinting etc. but is all a scam.

They may state that they have arrested someone with your Bank card. They will then request financial details and arrange collection of your cards as part of their evidence.

They have also directed victims to purchase high value items, such as gold to help with an investigation. However, all these scenarios are a scam.

Our basic advice is –

IF you are ever asked to withdraw cash by the police or handover your bank cards or assist with an investigation by buying and handing valuable items, in particular, Gold – STOP IT'S A SCAM and report to Police.

For further information about Fraud, visit our website at [Advice about fraud | Kent Police](#)

Preventing fraud

Together, let's stop scammers.



Remember, ABC:



never Assume



never Believe



always Confirm

Get the latest scam advice:



@KentPoliceECU



**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   