

# Kent Fraud Alert System



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## Number 10 of the 12 frauds of Christmas – QR Codes



Over November/December 2023, three quarters of a million pounds was lost to QR fraud.

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.

Pause before you scan or click.

Find out more at <https://actionfraud.police.uk/news/12frauds>

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](http://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

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POLICE**

## This festive season beware of QR code fraud

Follow our advice

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You will also find valuable information from the Home Office at [Stop! Think Fraud - How to stay safe from scams](#)



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## Number 11 of the 12 frauds of Christmas – Holiday Scams

Booking a holiday for 2025?

Do not let fraudsters spoil your fun and your holiday.

Always –

- Do your research.
- Pay securely.
- Protect personal information.

For more information go to - [Make sure you have a #FraudFreeXmas: Action Fraud reveal 12 fraud types to look out for this Christmas | Action Fraud](#)

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## Number 12 of the 12 frauds of Christmas – Ticket Fraud

Thinking of going to an event over the coming months?

To stay safe, buy only from trusted sources: the venue's box office, official promoters, or reputable ticket sites.

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**Celebrate Christmas safe from ticket fraud**

Buy tickets now

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## Fake Compensation Email

Over 4,800 people have reported receiving FAKE emails claiming that diesel car users are eligible for thousands of pounds in compensation and asking them to click on a link.

However, by clicking a link the victims were taken to a realistic looking website under the control of the criminals, where they stole their personal and financial data.

If you get an email like this or any other suspicious looking emails, you can report these by forwarding to [reportr@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:reportr@phishing.gov.uk)

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Find out how to report 🇬🇧



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## Find out how to protect yourself from fraud


Please come and join us for a talk on fraud and ways to protect yourself and others.

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### A reminder to Book your Fraud Protect Presentation for 2025

All our presentations are FREE.

Our Fraud Prevent and Protect Officer is keen to give presentations to community groups, Businesses, Schools and the public on how to protect yourselves from the threat of Scams and avoid criminals stealing your money.

If you are part of or in charge of any groups that would benefit from this input in 2025, then please contact me by email at [stephen.kelly@kent.police.uk](mailto:stephen.kelly@kent.police.uk)

**Request Your Presentation Now**



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