

Kent Fraud Alert System



TO STOP FRAUD™

Number 3 of the 12 Frauds of Christmas – On Line Shopping Scams

The third fraud of the 12 frauds of Christmas is online shopping scams and I am afraid to say this is the most reported of all frauds.

During last year's holiday season, online shopping fraudsters stole £1,000 on average from each victim.

Do you know someone shopping online this festive season? Then go to the following site and share these top tips with them so they can buy online securely - [Shopping online securely - NCSC.GOV.UK](https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/guidance/shopping-online-securely)

Remember, if something seems to good to be true, then it probably is.



Preventing fraud

Together, let's stop scammers.



Remember, ABC:



never Assume



never Believe



always Confirm

Get the latest scam advice:



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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.



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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

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

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Crypto Currency/Investment Scams

There are various versions of this scam but all of them basically offer high returns on your investment and as we know this is impossible to guarantee as investments can just as easily go down as well as up.

See below for more information -

- A scammer pretends to be a celebrity who can multiply any cryptocurrency you send them, but celebrities aren't contacting you through social media. It's a scammer and if you click on an unexpected link they send you or send cryptocurrency to a so-called celebrity's QR code, that money will go straight to a scammer and it'll be gone.
- An online "love interest" wants you to send money or cryptocurrency to help you invest. That's a scam. As soon as someone you meet on a dating site or app asks you for money, or offers you investment advice, know this, "that's a scammer." The advice and offers to help you invest in cryptocurrency are nothing but scams. If you send them crypto or money of any kind, it'll be gone, and you typically won't get it back.
- Scammers guarantee that you'll make money or promise big payouts with guaranteed returns. Nobody can make those guarantees. Much less in a short time. And there's nothing "low risk" about cryptocurrency investments. So, if a company or person promises you'll make a profit, that's a scam. Even if there's a celebrity endorsement or testimonials from happy investors. Those are easily faked.
- Scammers make big claims without details or explanations. No matter what the investment, find out how it works and ask questions about where your money is going. Honest investment managers or advisors want to share that information and will back it up with details.
- If you are thinking of making an investment, then obtain independent financial advice.

Martyn Lewis said on TV, "You'll have seen adverts with me on for Bitcoin or Bitcoin trading. They are not me, they are scams, don't touch them. If you see my face in an advert it's not true. Be incredibly careful to do your research and go for an legitimate source, if you want your Bitcoin."

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