

Kent Fraud Alert System




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HMRC Scams Targeting Students

Scammers are aware that many students will be taking on part time work to support themselves during their studies at university or during the 6th Form. The scammers will target them with phishing emails and texts, stating that they may be due a tax rebate or need to pay a fine for unpaid tax. Let your sons and daughters know about these scams and remember that the HMRC will never email or text with threats or offers of a rebate for overpaid tax etc.

The below link will take you to the relevant page of HMRC website to tell you how to report any such offences to them –

[Avoid and report internet scams and phishing: Report HMRC phishing emails, texts and phone call scams - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/avoid-and-report-internet-scams-and-phishing-report-hmrc-phishing-emails-texts-and-phone-call-scams)

 **HM Revenue & Customs**  @HMRCgovuk · 5h

If you've never had to pay tax and take up part-time work at university, you could get caught out by a tax scam. HMRC will never email or text you about a tax rebate or threaten you over unpaid tax.

Learn more about how to report scams here:

[gov.uk/report-suspici...](https://www.gov.uk/report-suspici...)

Preventing fraud

Together, let's stop scammers.



Remember, ABC:

 never Assume

 never Believe

 always Confirm

Get the latest scam advice:



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Contacting Kent Police

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www.kent.police.uk   

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Bank Impersonation Scams


We have reported on these several times during the past year and the below from Take Five is a timely reminder about the threat posed by Bank Impersonation Scams which have increased nationally by a massive 94% during 2020.

As always, if unsure, apply ABC and never Assume or Believe it is your Bank and always Confirm by ringing them back using a trusted number that can be found on the back of your debit or credit card.


Remember, your Bank will never request that you move monies to safe accounts or request details of your passwords or PIN numbers.

If you think that you have been a victim of this or any other scam, then contact your Bank immediately and report it to Action Fraud at www.actionfraud.police.uk or calling 0300 123 2040.

 **Take Five**  @TakeFive · Sep 2
Criminals posing as banks increased 94% in 2020.

 Banks won't ask you to move money to safe accounts or contact you out the blue asking for PINs/passwords.

 Only give info to services you consent to and expect contact from.

 Contact banks directly on known emails/numbers.

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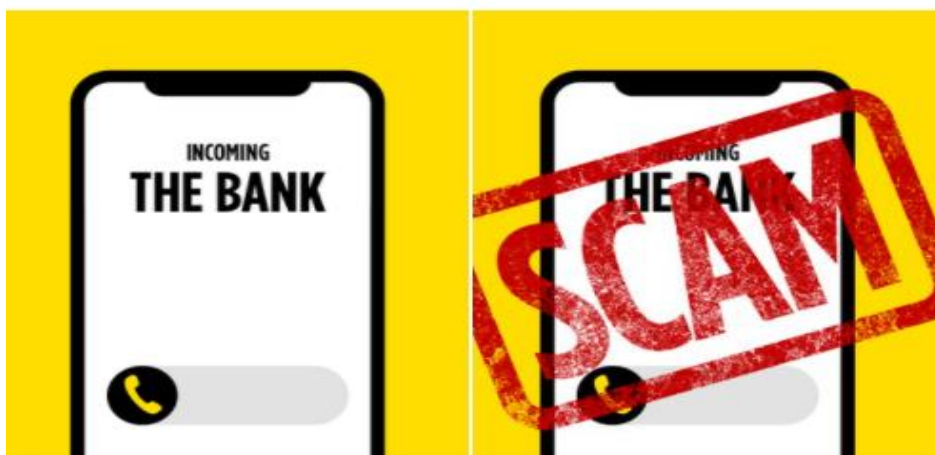
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Finally

As always, the idea of these alerts is to raise people's awareness about fraud and help people to avoid becoming a victim.

I have attached with this week's covering email four leaflets that we issue in relation to Courier Fraud, Romance Scams, Rogue traders and On-Line Shopping.

Apart from keeping these for your own use, please feel free to share these with family, friends etc. If you are part of any group's then feel free to share with them and other members or post on their social media accounts.

I hope these are of assistance.

Steve Kelly, Kent Police, Fraud Protect and Prevent Officer.



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