Kent Fraud Alert System



Investment Frauds

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There are many different types of investment fraud. They usually involve criminals contacting people out of the blue and convincing them to invest in schemes or products that are worthless or do not exist. Once the criminals have received payment, they cease contact with the victim.

The majority of investment frauds are run out of offices known as **boiler rooms**. Some of the most popular scams involve shares and Fine Wines.

• How to protect yourself from Financial Investment fraud:

Investment opportunities: Don't be rushed into making an investment. Remember, legitimate organisations will never pressure you into investing on the spot.

 Seek advice first: Before making significant financial decisions, speak with trusted friends or family members, or seek professional independent advice.



FCA register: Use the <u>Financial Services Register | FCA</u> to check if the company is regulated by the FCA. If you deal with a firm (or individual) that isn't regulated, you may not be covered by the Financial Ombudsman Service (FOS) if things go wrong and you lose your money.

For more information about how to invest safely, please visit: <u>ScamSmart - Avoid investment and</u> pension scams | FCA



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.

To find out more about fraud, visit our website at - Advice about fraud | Kent Police







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