

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

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Or text us on 999 if you've pre-registered with the emergency SMS service.

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