

Kent Fraud Alert System



TO STOP FRAUD™

Email Account Take Over – URGENT FRAUD ALERT

Last week I received several reports of people's emails being compromised. The criminals will take over the victims account and then impersonate them. They will email people within their friends list stating that they are ill or injured and cannot get out of the house and need to get a gift card for a family members birthday and ask them to do this for them and to email the gift card code. However, it is a scam. If you get an email like this apply ABC and never Assume or Believe a message asking for money is genuine and Confirm by calling the person and speak to them.

Additionally, you can check to see if your email address has been compromised by checking on the below publicly available website –

[Have I Been Pwned: Check if your email has been compromised in a data breach](#)

You just need to type your email address in and the website will tell you if criminals possibly have access to your email account.

The following is advice from National Cyber Security Centre on how to create a strong password –

[Three random words - NCSC.GOV.UK](#)

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.

Preventing fraud

Together,
let's stop
scammers.



Remember, ABC:

-  never Assume
-  never Believe
-  always Confirm

Get the latest
scam advice: 
[@KentPoliceECU](#)



**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

In an emergency, if crime is in progress or life is in danger call **999**

If you have a hearing or speech impairment, use our textphone service **18000**.
Or text us on 999 if you've pre-registered with the emergency SMS service.

www.kent.police.uk   