

Kent Fraud Alert System



TO STOP FRAUD™

WhatsApp Scams

Our colleagues in the Banks have recently stated that they are seeing a re-emergence of the “scam of mum and dad,” when criminals will contact a family member stating that they have lost or damaged their phone and advise that they have a new number. They will then ask for financial assistance and request that money is paid into a friend’s bank account, to pay an urgent bill, as due to them having to change their mobile number they cannot access their online banking etc. Of course, it is all a scam. If you get a message like this requesting money, always apply ABC and do not Assume or Believe it is genuine but Confirm by ringing on the existing number that you have for them, as you will find that they know nothing about it.

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:



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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   