

Kent Fraud Alert System



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The 12 Frauds of Christmas

It is that time of year again when in association with Action Fraud we are supporting their national campaign. Here are numbers 5, 6, 7 and 8 of the 12 frauds of Christmas, can you guess what the others will be?

5. Remote Access Scams

Some of the most common scams reported to Action Fraud involve fraudsters connecting remotely to a victim's computer. They will impersonate your internet provider or Microsoft and state that there is a problem and if you allow them remote access, they can then rectify the this for you. However, it is a Scam aimed at stealing your money.

Never allow remote access to your computer following an unsolicited call, text message or browser pop-up.

For further advice on how to protect yourself, go to Action fraud at - [Protect yourself from remote access tool scams | Action Fraud](#)

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.

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6. Ticket Fraud

Over £6.7 million was lost to ticket fraud last year across the UK.

Criminals target all types of events and shows, in particular major sporting events. Always be wary of buying tickets from non-reputable sources and only buy tickets from the venue's box office, official promoter or agent, or a well-known and reputable ticket site.

Beware of too good to be true offers.

For further advice on how to protect yourself, go to Action fraud at - [Ticket to nowhere: Don't get ticked off with ticket fraud this Christmas | Action Fraud](#)

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7. Romance scams

Met someone online who is asking you for money? Stop and think as it could protect you and your cash.

Criminals are not only expert at impersonating people but now with the development of AI, can make an image of someone else who is not them speak on camera.

Never, ever, send money to a person you have only met online.

For further advice on how to protect yourself, go to Action fraud at - [Fall for the person, not the profile | Action Fraud](#)

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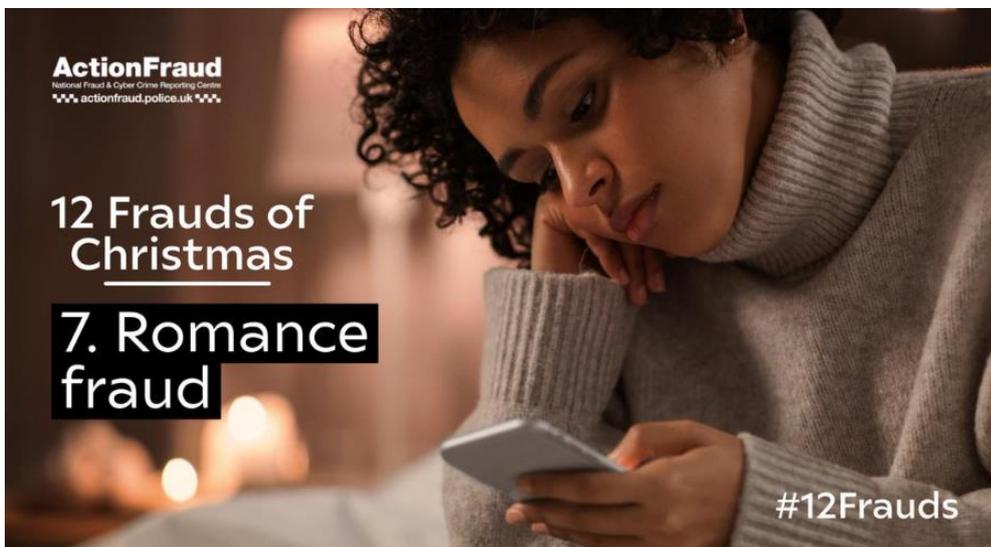
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8. Investment Fraud

Investment fraud is where criminals will present professional and credible looking online adverts, send emails, and create websites to advertise fake investment opportunities. They will even approach you on social media.

Do you know how to spot the signs of a fraudulent investment?

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Finally!!!

Book your Cyber Protect Presentation for 2024 – It is Christmas and this is FREE.

Our 2 Cyber Prevent and Protect Officers are keen to give presentations to organisations and community groups on how to protect yourselves from the threat of Cyber Scams and avoid criminals stealing your money.

If you are part of or in charge of any groups that would benefit from this input in 2024, then please contact Arran Ostridge or Lee Edwards-Gee on the following emails – Arran.Ostridge@kent.police.uk or lee.edwards-gee@kent.police.uk



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