

Kent Fraud Alert System



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New Census Scam – From our colleagues at KCC Public Protect

Kent residents are being targeted by a text scam, pretending to be from the UK Government Census 2021. The text will say that information is missing from your application.

How it works –

- You receive a text message pretending to be from UK Government Census.
- The text will say that information is missing from your application.

You will be directed to a website to update your details to avoid a £1,000 penalty.

- This is a **SCAM**
- If you believe you have fallen victim to this, then contact your Bank immediately and report it to Action Fraud at www.actionfraud.police.uk or by calling 0300 123 2040.
- Additionally, you get assistance or advice by speaking to Citizens Advice on 0808 223 1133.

CENSUS: There is missing information from your application. Failure to update your details may result in a £1000 penalty, visit: <https://census.uk-ons.com/>

Mark as read

Reply



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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 deaf or speech impaired, text 'police' and your message to **60066**

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The following is an alert from Ofcom

Scam alert – Be aware of the below text message scam that infects Android mobile phones with malicious software (malware), which is targeting people in the UK

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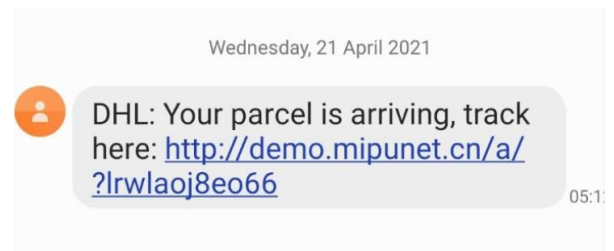
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If you click on the link contained in the text

message, then the malware will attempt to infect Android based Smartphones (it won't infect iOS but does redirect Apple users to a phishing site) with spyware, which hides in the background while snooping on all your sensitive data and credit card details.

Additionally, it will send out spam infected messages to all your contacts.



If your phone becomes infected, then I would recommend contacting your mobile phone provider straight away.



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iTunes Phishing Scam

Below is a new iTunes phishing email which states that there has been a purchase on your account and if not you, to press a cancellation link. If you click the link, it will take you to a convincing website, where they steal your details.

If you get one of these, please do not click on the link and forward the email to report@phishing.gov.uk

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SCAM WARNING



iTunes scam emails reported over 300 times

Action Fraud has received over 300 reports in eight days relating to fake emails purporting to be from Apple. The emails claim that the recipient's iTunes account was used to make a purchase and provide links to a "cancellation form" that supposedly allows the transaction to be cancelled. The links actually lead to genuine-looking websites that are designed to steal login details, as well as personal and financial information.

Your bank, or any other official organisation, won't ask you to share personal information over email or text. If you need to check that it's a genuine message, contact them directly.

Spotted a suspicious email? Forward it to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS) - report@phishing.gov.uk



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