

CRIME ^{YOUR} UPDATE PREVENTION



Update from the Force Crime Prevention Team

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WhatsApp Scam

Scammers using WhatsApp are posing as family members in order to manipulate people into transferring money.

Scammers pretend they have a new number, and then go on to say they are having some sort of difficulty e.g. their bank's app isn't working on the new phone or they have some urgent payments they need help with. If victims try to call them they say the microphone is broken or they can't talk right now.

"Hi Mum I've dropped my phone down the toilet but have managed to borrow one."

"Hi dad I've lost my phone, please can you save this as my new number?"

Advice from the Fraud Safeguarding Protect Officer

- Always contact the family member or friend (try their original number as well) to check the request is genuine before sending money.
- Confirm with them in person or on the phone to ensure that the account details are correct.
- If you are suspicious, ask a question that only your family member could answer.
- Scammers will often give excuses as to why you shouldn't transfer it to the family/friends account details you already have for them.
- Even if the message wording and spelling sounds like them, always conduct these extra checks to be sure.
- If you are unsure on a transaction made, please contact your bank immediately.

Webinar on the Highway Code and road safety tips



The Older Drivers Forum are running a free webinar on the new Highway Code, as well as safe driving tips to help mature motorists carry on driving safely for longer: <https://olderdriversforum.com/webinars/>

You will have the opportunity to ask questions to all the speakers on a Q&A section. The webinar will last for 90 minutes with a 10 minute break in the middle. Please register below to get your link to join the webinar. You do not need a zoom account to join.

Webinar dates (no need to register for both as they will be identical in content):

Thursday 10 March starting at 14:00- [Click here to register](#)
Monday 14 March at 19:00 - [Click here to register](#)

NSPCC: Online gaming and friendships

The NSPCC have created a webinar to help educate parents and carers about online gaming and healthy relationships online. From setting up parental controls to an introduction to gaming slang, this webinar will give you an insight into how young people use gaming apps. There are also [resources on their website](#) that you can use to help keep them safe. Follow this link to watch the webinar on Youtube: [Keeping Children Safe on Gaming Platforms | Webinar for parents and carers | Safer Internet Day 2022 - YouTube](#)



Help after rape and sexual assault



More than half of people do not come forward for help after experiencing sexual assault, rape or abuse. The NHS want to make it clear: they are here for you and you can turn to them for specialist support. Sexual assault referral centres (SARCs) are a safe place. They offer medical, practical and emotional support to anyone who has been raped, sexually assaulted or abused. Help is available 24 hours a day. Click here to find out more: [Help after rape and sexual assault - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](#)

[The Treetops Centre \(Hampshire & IOW SARC\)](#) Tel: 0300 123 6616

#StopAbuseTogether

It's important to know how to spot the potential signs of child sexual abuse and where to go for support. The website below brings together advice and resources to help you keep the children in your life safe: [Let's stop abuse together - Stop Abuse Together \(campaign.gov.uk\)](#)



Holiday Booking Advice

Advice from Take Five:

- ❖ Use secure payment methods recommended by reputable retailers.
- ❖ If possible, use a credit card when making purchases over £100 - £30,000 to receive section 75 protection of the Consumer Credit Act.
- ❖ Read reviews from reputable sources.



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