

Crimestoppers Campaign: Romance Fraud



Increasingly individuals across the UK are meeting people online, on social networks, through online gaming, dating platforms, anywhere people chat online - and therefore more and more people are building relationships with people they've never met in person.



Online dating is now one of the most common ways to meet a romantic partner.

Is someone you care about acting withdrawn and secretive about who they're communicating with?

They may be making unusual money transfers, repeat gift card purchases or unfamiliar international transfers.

Spot the signs of romance fraud today by visiting: [Tackling romance fraud | Crimestoppers \(crimestoppers-uk.org\)](https://www.crimestoppers-uk.org/tackling-romance-fraud)

Action Fraud Alert

Action Fraud have received over 2,000 reports about fake McAfee emails. The title of the email tells recipients "we detected a virus" and the email urges them to renew their McAfee subscription.



If you receive a suspicious email forward it to: report@phishing.gov.uk

Your reports of suspicious emails have led to the removal of 200,000 scam URLs as of Dec 2022.



NHW free webinar on exploitation, gangs and knife crime awareness for parents and carers

Parents and carers will gain a greater understanding and awareness of gangs, knife crime and how to keep young people safe.

Dates: 21/02/23 19:00-21:00 & 28/02/23 19:00-21:00 The workshops are hosted by The Ben Kinsella Trust.

To find out more visit: [Webinars and podcasts | Neighbourhood Watch Network \(ourwatch.org.uk\)](https://www.ourwatch.org.uk)

Energy Theft

Energy theft is where people tamper with their electricity or gas meters or remove them completely to reduce their energy bills. Crimestoppers latest campaign focuses on the “Unknown Danger” that energy theft brings to individuals and communities.

Energy theft can lead to electrocution, fires and gas explosions that lead to damaged property, injury and even in some cases, death.

For further information visit: [The Dangers of Energy Theft: Know the Risks | Stay Energy Safe](#)



Cyber Advice – 10 Step Guide

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Cyber Crime Unit have collaborated with The Blue Lamp Trust to prepare a 10 step guide to help you protect yourself online.

Simple changes such as using strong passwords, backing up your data and most importantly turning on Two-Step Verification (sometimes called 2SV, 2FA or MFA) can really help you and your online accounts remain safe.

The guide can be downloaded via the [Hampshire and Isle of Wight Police Website](#)



NBCC ASB Survey for Businesses

Many businesses suffer from the effects of anti-social behaviour (ASB).

The National Business Crime Centre (NBCC) would like to hear from businesses experiencing ASB. The survey has 3 questions and closes on Wednesday 22 February 2023.

[Get your views on Anti-Social Behaviour heard \(nbcc.police.uk\)](#)

Telephone Preference Service

The Telephone Preference Service (TPS) is the UK's only official 'Do Not Call' register for landline and mobile numbers. It allows people and businesses to opt out of unsolicited live sales and marketing calls.

It's free and quick to register a telephone number. Visit: [Telephone Preference Service \(tpsonline.org.uk\)](#) or call 0207 291 3320



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