

Kent Fraud Alert System



TO STOP FRAUD™



Number 4 of the 12 Frauds of Christmas – Cloned company scams

Cloned company scams affect both new and experienced investors. Fraudsters are impersonating the websites of real firms offering investments in stocks, ISA's and in particular Crypto Currency's.

How to protect yourself

- Reject unsolicited investment offers whether made online, on social media or over the phone. Be cautious when dealing with large sums of money, even if you initiated the first contact.
- Always check the FCA Register to confirm the contact details provided to you by the firm. If the website, email and telephone number don't match, don't invest. Look out for subtle differences such as letters replaced with numbers (e.g. S and 5, O and 0), additional words or spelling errors. Make sure you're dealing with an authorised firm but remember these are public registers which fraudsters can also take information from to sound legitimate.
- Check the FCA Warning List of firms to avoid.
- If you have visited a website, you think is suspicious, report it to the National Cyber Security Centre, using their quick and easy referral tool.
- Consider seeking impartial advice before investing.

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

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

www.kent.police.uk   