

Kent Fraud Alert System



TO STOP FRAUD™

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 9 and 10 of the twelve frauds of Christmas, can you guess what the last two will be?

9. Pet Fraud

A favourite scam of criminals is selling non-existent puppies online, with the victims only discovering it is a scam when they go to collect the animal.

So “Paws” for thought this Christmas before buying a pet online.

- Do your research.
- Trust your instincts.
- Choose your payment method wisely.

To find out more about how to protect yourself from pet fraud, click here:

<https://actionfraud.police.uk/petfraud>

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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In an emergency, if crime is in progress or life is in danger call **999**

If you have a hearing or speech impairment, use our textphone service **18000**.

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10. Phishing

Received a suspicious message that you are unsure about?

Fake messages can be difficult to spot and criminals have become experts at impersonating organisations and put in a lot of effort to make their communication look legitimate, so it is important to take your time and not act too quickly.

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[Public reminded to ‘mullet over’ when it comes to suspicious messages as phishing attempts soar | Action Fraud](#)

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By popular demand, The 12 Scams of Christmas Video once again

Our colleagues at KCC have put together a short video of 12 of the most popular scams at Christmas, from “fake emails” to “why does your designer jumper smell.” Please view the following and be sure to share with family and friends as an early Christmas present:

[The 12 Scams of Christmas from Kent Trading Standards and Kent Police \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...)

Stay Alert and Stay Aware and have a Merry Christmas.



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Police Cyber Alarm

One for you in business out there.

This Christmas keep your online systems safe using Police Cyber Alarm, a free tool that monitors and reports any suspicious activity taking place against your business, school or organisation.

Learn more and register today via - [Police CyberAlarm](#)



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