Latest Phising Scam

Want a free Air Fryer? Well, you would not want one of these as it will cost you your personal and financial data and you will not receive anything in return, as it is a SCAM.

The link within the email will take you to a convincing looking website, where the criminals will steal your personal and financial data.

Pardon the pun but there is no such thing as a free lunch, even if it is an Air Fryer. Never click on links in emails, as it is most likely to be a scam.

Forward suspicious emails to report@phishing.gov.uk

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



Scam: Air fryer scam emails

Action Fraud has received 468 reports in two weeks relating to fake emails purporting to be from ASDA. The emails claim that the recipient has won a free air fryer and provide links the recipient should follow to claim their prize. The links in the emails lead to malicious websites designed to steal personal and financial information.

- If you have doubts about a message, contact the organisation directly. Don't use the numbers or address in the message – use the details from their official website. Your bank (or any other official source) will never ask you to supply personal information via email.
- Spotted a suspicious email? Forward it to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS)
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Courier Fraud

This type of criminality continues to be a problem across the UK. Often the criminals will state that they are a Police Officer calling from London, generally impersonating Hammersmith Police Station and will state that a family member has been arrested with the intended victim's debit or credit cards.

They will ask the intended victim to call 999 but not to clear the line. However, it is a scam to trick the victim out of their money or their debit/credit cards, which they state they will collect via courier.

Remember the Police will never ask you to withdraw cash from your Bank account for them to collect. Neither will they ask to collect your debit/credit card(s) as part of an investigation.

If you are not sure if the caller is genuine, remember ABC and never Assume or Believe a caller is genuine and always Confirm by calling back via a trusted number. Never call back with a number that the caller has provided.

Wherever possible, call back using another phone, however if one is not available wait 5 to 10 minutes and then ring a family member or friend, whose voice you know, to ensure the line has been cleared. 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 ringing 159 and report it to Action Fraud at www.actionfraud.police.uk or call 0300 123 2040



Your bank or the police will never send a courier to your home to collect cash or your bank card.

Stay wise, don't compromise. Protect your loved ones from courier fraud



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BT Phishing Scam

Scammers are sending emails claiming to be from BT. These messages state that you need to 'refresh' your account due to security measures. The emails include a fake link that will encourage you to 'verify' your account but it is all a scam to steal your personal data.

The e mail will allege that you have 72 hours to comply or your account will be blocked, but this is designed to rush you into acting.

Take 5 before you act and if you are suspicious log into your BT account from an external account and confirm if this action is genuine.

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Wilko fake websites

Lookout for fake websites impersonating Wilko. The company has stopped selling goods online & is no longer offering home delivery or click and collect services, so if you see anything like this, it is a SCAM. One fake site had a sofa for sale at £25 and an adult's electric bike also for sale at £25.

How to avoid copycat websites.

- Make sure that the website address (URL) is correct and matches the site you intended to visit. Copycat websites often have similar URLs to the legitimate sites, but with small differences such as spelling errors or a different domain extension.
- Check for the padlock icon in the address bar which indicates the connection is secure. However, don't rely on the padlock icon alone.
- Legitimate websites usually have contact information such as a phone number, email address, or physical address. But some copycat websites might have contact details, so don't rely on them alone either.
- Be wary of websites that have poor grammar, spelling errors or low-quality images. Check for reviews of the website. These can give you an idea of other people's experiences with the site and whether it is trustworthy.
- Don't rush. Take your time to research the website and make sure it is legitimate before making any transactions or providing personal information. (Source trading Standards)

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