



Newsletter
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The Key to SAFER communities

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Seasons Greetings
from the
SAFER Team!



SHOPPING ONLINE?

When making a purchase from an auction website, use insured payment methods such as PayPal and never do a bank transfer to people you don't know. Also look out for fake goods: they're illegal and cost livelihoods.

If something is an unbelievable bargain and is too good to be true, it's probably poor quality or doesn't even exist. Always check payment pages are secure, and remember to log out when you've finished shopping online. Look for the padlock in your browser and **https**.



Christmas is a busy time of year for criminals! This festive season, make sure you don't get conned online. Think twice before you click!

Netflix Scam

An email scam has been targeting Netflix subscribers, hoping to gather personal information and payment details.



The scam tells customers that their billing details with Netflix has been invalidated and to immediately update their information on their website. They give a web link that is NOT the official Netflix site.

Don't click the email link, if you think that your account details need updating, check on the official Netflix site.

Giving to a charity this Christmas?

Have you heard of the Fundraising Preference Service?

This allows people to end direct marketing contact from charities. The service does not stop all contact from charities but subscribers can:-

- ✓ Identify specific charities from which they want communication to stop.
- ✓ Select the form of contact they want to stop eg. letters, emails, telephone.
- ✓ Process up to 3 requests at a time.

How to register

- ✓ Tel - 0300 303 3517
- ✓ Online : www.fundraisingpreference.org.uk



Counterfeit Hair tools

An alert has been issued warning customers about counterfeit hair tools that are poor quality and may be dangerous to use.

Don't risk buying counterfeit products from cheap websites.

IF IT SOUNDS TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE...

Money Mules

Money mules are recruited, sometimes unwittingly, by criminals to transfer illegally obtained money between different bank accounts. Money mules receive the stolen funds into their account, they are then asked to withdraw it and wire the money to a different account, often one overseas, keeping some of the money for themselves. There's a high chance that mules won't receive any of the money they've been promised.

Even if you're unaware that the money you're transferring was illegally obtained, you have played an important role in fraud and money laundering, and can still be prosecuted.

Never give your financial details to someone you don't know and trust.



Blue badge scam

Don't get caught out by some online websites that are charging up to £50 to complete a blue badge application, when to apply is free. The badge will only cost **£10** if the application is successful.

If the Web address doesn't end in Gov.uk then it's not an official government website and is likely to be a scam.

ACCESS THE OFFICIAL WEBSITE

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-blue-badge>



Buying Tickets Online?

Be aware if you find a website advertised via email or social media offering you the chance to buy tickets to a popular concert/event. Fraudsters create their own bogus ticket companies to advertise tickets that have either already sold out, or haven't officially gone on sale yet.

When buying concert tickets online, buy only from official sources such as the venue's box office, the promoter, an official agent or a well-known and reputable ticket exchange site.



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