



SCAM and FRAUD ALERT

From Hampshire and IOW Neighbourhood Watch

Fraudsters posing as officials - from your bank or the police

Courier Scam is one of the fastest rising types of fraud in the country. Scammers are becoming more sophisticated and believable. They can catch out anyone - people like you and me - if we are not alert.

80% of scams start with a phone call.

In a recent example, a criminal posing as a bank employee called a retired bank manager and warned him his account was being attacked - and he should move all money to a new account to protect it.

They gave him details of the new account - and a phone number to call to check they were authentic.

He believed the scammers, made the transfer and lost £8000.

How to keep safe from this type of fraud

1. Banks or Police will never contact you in this way - so put down the phone.
2. Check with your bank using another phone - as the fraudsters can stay on the line.
3. Don't call a number they give you - use the number on the rear of your bank card.
4. Never give your PIN to anyone
5. If people call you 'out of the blue' - never give them any personal details.

If scammed - what next?

6. Report this has happened - Call Hampshire Police on 101 and ask for Operation Signature.

More

For more advice on tell tale signs and how to avoid being a fraud victim see the Hampshire Police website:

<https://www.hampshire.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/fa/fraud/personal-fraud/prevent-personal-fraud/>