

# **Essex Police Fraud Alert System**



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### Received an email your not sure about?

Cyber criminals won't let up using fake messages as bait to lure you into clicking on the links within their scam email or text message, so that you give away your sensitive information (such as bank details).

These messages may look like the real thing but are malicious. Once clicked, you may be sent to a dodgy website which could download viruses onto your computer, or steal your passwords.

If you have received an email which you're not quite sure about, forward it to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS): report@phishing.gov.uk.

#### What happens next:



The National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) will analyse the suspect email and any websites it links to.

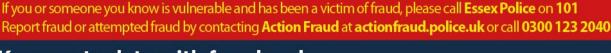
They'll use any additional information you've provided to look for and monitor suspicious activity.

#### If they discover activity that they believe is malicious, they may:

- seek to block the address the email came from, so it can no longer send emails
- work with hosting companies to remove links to malicious websites
- raise awareness of commonly reported suspicious emails and methods used (via partners)

Whilst the NCSC is unable to inform you of the outcome of its review, they can confirm that they do act upon every message received.







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