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DON'T LOSE OUT ON FAKE TICKETS

Action Fraud is warning the public to take extra care when buying tickets for festivals and events online, as figures reveal almost £1 million has been lost to ticket fraud so far this year.

Data from Action Fraud reveals that ticket scams equate to an average loss of £850 per victim, almost two thirds of whom were between 20 and 49 years old. Many fake or non-existent tickets are sold through social media with sellers claiming to have VIP or pairs of tickets to sold out events.

Spot the signs to protect yourself:

- Only buy tickets from the venue's box office, official promoter, or a well-known and reputable ticket site.
- Avoid paying for tickets by bank transfer - especially if buying from someone unknown. Credit card or payment services such as PayPal give you a better chance of recovering your money if you become a victim of fraud.
- If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is - be wary of unsolicited emails, texts or adverts offering unbelievably good deals on tickets.

Don't be
fooled by
ticket fraudsters

With a host of sporting and music events set to take place this summer, be wary of fraudsters selling fake or non-existent tickets to events.

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If you or someone you know is vulnerable and has been a victim of fraud, please call **Essex Police** on 101
Report fraud or attempted fraud by contacting **Action Fraud** at actionfraud.police.uk or call 0300 123 2040

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