

Update from the Force Crime Prevention Advisor

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Be alert to fake TV Licence e-mails

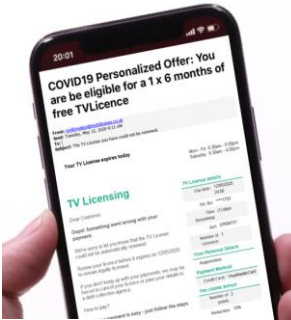
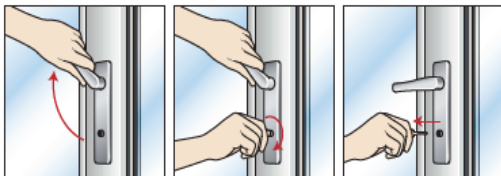


Image source: Action Fraud

The current email claims that the recipient's direct debit has failed and that they need to pay to avoid prosecution. Recipients are told they are eligible for a "COVID19 Personalized Offer" of six months free. The messages contain links to genuine-looking websites that are designed to steal personal and financial information. [Click here](#) for more information.

Anyone who has been a victim of fraud or cybercrime can report it to [Action Fraud](#) on **0300 123 2040**

uPVC Doors – remember to LIFT, LOCK and REMOVE



Modern multi-locking and uPVC doors use a system of hooks and latches to secure the door **but these only work if you lift up the handle and then remember to turn and remove the key.** Remember – lift, lock and remove.

Victim Care Service launched



A new [Victim Care Service](#) has been launched providing support and advice for Hampshire residents who have been affected by crime. The Victim Care Service provides free, confidential support for victims of crime who are residents of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight aged 4 upwards. Their aim is to help you cope and recover from the effects of crime, regardless of whether or not you have reported to the police. Call for free on: **0808 178 1641** or email: hub.hiow@victimsupport.org.uk

Hampshire & IOW Neighbourhood Watch



A NW scheme is a group of neighbours who want to help reduce crime and the fear of crime in their area. There are over 4,500 NW schemes in Hampshire covering some 150,000 households. They will look out for each other and help build a caring community. If you want to join or start a scheme visit www.hinwa-nw.org.uk or email: hinwa.sec@gmail.com

Online Radicalisation: advice for parents & carers



COVID-19 is thought to be increasing the amount of time children and young people are spending online. Isolation can increase feelings of loneliness and frustration which may lead to them engaging with new groups or individuals, increasing the risk of coming into contact with people looking to exploit and influence them.

Visit Hampshire Constabulary's [safe4me website](#) to view advice produced by NSPCC, CEOP, Internet Matters and Counter Terrorism Police to help parents and carers understand the risks and what signs to look out for.

Reporting suspicious emails



The National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) has launched its [Suspicious Email Reporting Service](#). It wants people to send it any suspicious emails they receive, including those about COVID-19. The automated email reporting service makes it easy for people to help protect others from falling victim to scams. To use it, simply forward suspect emails to report@phishing.gov.uk

If the email is found to link to malicious content, it will be taken down or blocked, helping prevent future victims of crime.

Businesses Against Scams

More than 100 organisations are spearheading a new National Trading Standards initiative to combat fraud against businesses as more companies and employees adjust to working from home during the COVID-19 pandemic, increasing their exposure to sophisticated scams.



[Businesses Against Scams](#) provides free online training modules to help upskill and train their workforce. Businesses can sign up at www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/BAS

Don't let them get away with it



Register your valuables to help reduce property crime and improve the chances of getting them back in the event of loss or theft.

www.immobilise.com

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crime prevention
advice visit:

[www.hampshire.police.
uk/cp/crime-prevention/](http://www.hampshire.police.uk/cp/crime-prevention/)