



The Twelve Scams of Christmas

Although “tis the season to be jolly”.....it is also the season to be wary of scams that look to take advantage of the festivities. Please see below a selection of the top twelve scams in the festive period.

Online Shopping Fraud - Only buy from trusted retailers. Check out the trader online and look for reviews before you buy.

Copycat Websites - Fake websites purporting to be genuine retailers. Do not click email links that take you to the website.

Puppy Scams - Puppy Scams are run by organized criminals which victims become emotionally invested with a pet in an attempt to make them part with their money whilst not receiving the puppy.

Fake Charities - Taking advantage of the ‘season of goodwill’.

Malware e-cards - Sent from unknown people/email, which may contain computer viruses.

Bogus Gift Cards - Vouchers and offers that are too good to be true.

Parcel Delivery Scams - As we enter the busy shopping period fraudsters will increase the number of delivery scam messages they send out. These messages are usually sent via text or email.

Social Media Scams - Throwaway or hijacked accounts may be used to post links to what appear to be amazing deals and discounts.

Phishing Emails - Remain vigilant. You will receive many more unsolicited emails during this busy period.

Travel Scams - Bogus travel operators taking advantage of people wanting a winter getaway by luring them in with fantastic looking offers. Choose an operator that is ATOL protected.

Cost of Living Payment Advice - Be aware of scam cost of living advice via text or email.

Did you spot that there are only 11 scams above and one is missing?

Well done if you did. If not, that is how easy it is not to spot something wrong.

Please remain vigilant and enjoy the festive period scam free and enjoy a fraud free New Year!!!!

