

# Current scams

Here are a few of the current scams in circulation nationally and internationally:

- Door-to-door scam where a visitor claims to be from the Health Authority to test you for Covid-19. **You do not have to open your door to anyone you don't know and aren't expecting.**
- Telephone scam where someone claiming to work for the police, hospital, a bank or other service cold calls and says they are raising money or require payment for a local cause or service. **Never respond to an unexpected call by giving away cash, cards, PINs, bank details or personal information – no matter how tempting or convincing the caller may seem.**
- Text or Email scams asking you to click on a link in order to obtain a Covid Passport and requesting payment and/or asking for your personal and financial data. **Remember Covid Passports are free of charge and the NHS would never request a payment or ask for financial/personal data.**
- Text and email scams claiming to be from HMRC, saying you are eligible for a tax refund. **Never click a link or give out your bank details or personal information in response to an unsolicited email or text – no matter how tempting or convincing the message may seem.**
- Text and email scams offering a separate covid test for Omicron, which requests that you click on a link and then requests a payment and/or personal and financial data. **Remember Covid PCR and Lateral flow tests are free of charge from the NHS and they would never request a payment or ask for personal/financial data.**

If you receive a suspicious email then forward to [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk) and suspicious text messages to 7726 (SPAM).

## Remember:

- Never **assume** or **believe** a message or offer is genuine – always **confirm** by contacting a trusted number or team like Action Fraud, a family member, friend or your bank's fraud department to check.
- Report scams at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) – and contact your bank's fraud team straight away if any money or bank details have been handed over.
- Get the latest scam advice by following [@KentPoliceECU](https://twitter.com/KentPoliceECU) or [@Kent\\_Police](https://twitter.com/Kent_Police) on twitter.



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