Cost of Living Crisis - Scam Alert



New warning about cost of living scams issued by Action Fraud

Law enforcement, government and private sectors partners are working together to encourage members of the public to be more vigilant against fraud, particularly about sharing their financial and personal information, as criminals seek to capitalise on the cost of living crisis.

Criminals are experts at impersonating people, organisations and the police.

This is usually a text message but could also be emails and phone calls relating to claiming either Cost of Living payments or Winter Fuel invites the recipients to claim via clicking a link.

DWP will only send links which point to the GOV.UK website.

If you are concerned about these types of messages, please take the following steps:

- Do not to click the links within messages
- Refer any of these text messages to: Action Fraud
- Recommend blocking the number from your mobile phone

Read more - <u>Criminals are using the cost of living crisis to scam the public – don't</u> become a victim | Action Fraud