

North East Regional Special Operations Unit Notification



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COVID-19 Scams



Cyber criminals are attempting to exploit opportunities around coronavirus. One way of doing this is through universal credit scams. Other frequently reported scams include suspects impersonating the government, asking for fake donations to tackle COVID-19, selling fake COVID-19 testing, and more.

Below are some ways to protect yourself against scams, including universal credit scams...



For latest information on Universal Credit go to <https://www.understandinguniversalcredit.gov.uk/>

If you think you have been a victim of universal credit fraud you should notify DWP



DWP will never text or email asking for your personal information or bank details.

Do not to click on the links or attachments in suspicious emails



Never respond to unsolicited messages and calls that ask for personal or financial details.

The police, or your bank, will never ask you to withdraw money or transfer it to a different account

Take Five advice-

Stop: Taking a moment to stop and think before parting with your money or information could keep you safe.

Challenge: Could it be fake? It's ok to reject, refuse, or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you.

Protect: Contact your bank immediately if you think you've fallen for a scam and report it to Action Fraud.



TO STOP FRAUD™

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