

## Be alert to Holiday Scams

### 1. Caravan/mobile homes – purchase scams

Vehicles are advertised at attractive prices, when in reality they don't exist or don't arrive once paid for. Criminals are now requesting the buyer pays via PayPal. The criminal then fails to send a PayPal invoice, at which point the buyer is contacted by someone pretending to be a representative from PayPal and receives a reference and bank account number for payment to be made into. Ultimately, the buyer doesn't receive their goods as payment has been made into an account controlled by a criminal.



### 2. Cancellation refund scams

**By email:** Criminals send out phishing emails advising people how to claim refunds with links leading to fake websites used to steal personal and financial information or used to infect your device with malware. These emails may appear to be from airlines, banks, travel providers or other trusted organisations using official branding to convince you they're genuine.

**By phone:** Criminals call you pretending to be representatives/ 'refund agents' from the impacted organisation or from your bank claiming they can help you get an immediate refund if you provide them with your bank details. You may be asked to pay an upfront fee as payment for handling refund claims. Once your bank details have been shared with the criminal you fail to receive repayment and they have access to your money. Click here to read more from [Take Five to Stop Fraud](#).

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## Reporting fly-tipping is quick and easy with ClearWaste

[ClearWaste](#) is a free app that enables you to report fly-tipping incidents to your local authority or registered landowner anywhere in the UK.

Incidents of fly-tipping can also be reported via their website. The simple to use reporting process helps to help catch and prosecute waste criminals and reduces environmental issues in your area no matter where you live.



## Online Safety Warning



We have been made aware of incidents of children being groomed through Snapchat and online platform Omegle – we are also aware of incidents of hacking on the game Roblox where players are invited to open a 'gift' which turns out to be a camera that takes a photograph.

Perpetrators are fully aware children are online more and the increased opportunity this presents to exploit them. [Click here](#) to view the NSPCC/NetAware guide to social media, apps and games.

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## Businesses encouraged to sign-up to the ACT app



Live-time information from Counter Terrorism Policing (CTP), plus all the latest protective security advice, is now available to the business community 24/7 via the **Action Counters Terrorism (ACT) app**.

Available from Google Play or App Store, the free app for businesses offers:

- Practical advice to help you protect businesses
- CT Policing's training products
- ACT online reporting form & confidential hotline
- How to respond in the event of an attack
- Emergency response & post-incident guidance
- Live-time news updates from UK Protect

More than 10,000 security specialists and workers in crowded places have already subscribed to the ACT app. [Click here](#) to find out more.

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## Modern Slavery – spot the signs and speak up



Slavery in the 21st century is often enforced by threats to the individual, coercion, abduction, fraud and deception. Victims can include men, women and children, and they can be of all ages and backgrounds. Modern Slavery takes a number of forms, including sexual exploitation and forced labour.

**Signs that someone might be a victim of modern slavery include:**

- Abuse or malnourishment
- Appears to be under the influence of others
- No access to identification documents
- Living in overcrowded accommodation

Visit [CrimeStoppers UK](#) for more information on the different types of slavery and other possible signs.

If you suspect that someone is a victim of modern slavery, please speak up and help them get support by reporting it to Hampshire Police via 101 or [online](#). Alternatively you can report anonymously to [CrimeStoppers online](#) or by calling 0800 555 111.