

# CrimeStoppers.

# FraudAlert

## Keep your identity safe



Crimestoppers, an independent charity, is combatting fraud to stop criminals ruthlessly stealing people's identity and money.

Identity theft is when someone steals your personal information. This can include your name and personal information, your bank account details, financial information, your email addresses or your passwords.

Fraud is often financially motivated and often involves using a person's stolen personal information to commit crime. Someone committing identity theft might use your financial information to transfer money from your account, to make purchases in your name.

Fraudsters are often part of serious organised criminal gangs, who use the money to fund other crimes such as human trafficking, illegal firearms trading and terrorism.

### How you can fight fraud

Before giving personal information ask yourself:

Who is asking for my details and what are they asking for?

Why do they need to know these details?

Have they verified who they say they are?

Would the person they claim to be request that information?

Have I shredded/destroyed any personal or financial information, including receipts?

If you have any suspicions, don't give out your details until you have checked everything.

To learn more about protecting yourself visit our website [crimestoppers-uk.org](http://crimestoppers-uk.org)

[crimestoppers-uk.org/keeping-safe/fraud/protecting-yourself-against-financial-fraud](http://crimestoppers-uk.org/keeping-safe/fraud/protecting-yourself-against-financial-fraud)

## Speak up about crime and stay safe

At Crimestoppers, we're urging people to speak up about their knowledge or suspicions of Identity theft and fraud.

While we can't take information from victims of crime due to our anonymity guarantee, victims can speak to Action Fraud on **0300 123 2040**.

If you suspect anyone is committing or involved in identity fraud, please tell our charity what you know **100% anonymously**.

We won't ask your name or any personal details. We'll just listen to what you know and pass it on for you. When you hang up the phone after calling **0800 555 111** or click 'send' to **crimestoppers-uk.org** you're done.

Calls to us or online information can't be tracked or traced. The only person who knows you contacted us with information is you.

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100% anonymous. Always.