## CrimeStoppers.

## **FraudAlert**

# Keep your identity safe

**C** rimestoppers, an independent charity, is combatting fraud to stop criminals 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 mostly 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 buy goods 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?
- Why are they being so insistent and in a hurry?

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

If you are unsure whether a call is genuine then put the phone down and call the **Action Fraud** team on **0300 123 2040**.



To learn more about protecting yourself against fraud visit our website

crimestoppers-uk.org

### 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 someone 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 **crimestoppersuk.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.

CrimeStoppers. 0800 555 111 100% anonymous. Always.