

The Fraud & Scam Bulletin

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Your monthly update direct from West Mercia Police
on the latest scams and frauds

Don't let the Scammer ruin your holiday

Scammers can operate all around the world. So, it's important to keep your card and card details safe when travelling. International card fraud losses for 2023 were £134.5 million.

BEFORE YOU GO OVERSEAS:

- Make sure your card company has your up-to-date contact details.
- Ensure you have your card company's 24-hour telephone number with you in case you need to contact them.
- Only take cards you intend to use, leave the others securely at home.

WHEN YOU ARE OVERSEAS:

- Don't let your card out of sight, especially at restaurants and bars.
- Don't give your PIN to anyone, even if they claim to be the police or your card company.
- Shield your PIN when typing it in.
- Check your bank transactions when you can to see if there's anything unfamiliar.
- Look after all your other belongings like passports, wallets, purses, travel and ticket information.

WHEN YOU GET BACK:

- Check your bank and card statements for any unfamiliar transactions. If you do spot any, report them to your bank immediately.

SOURCE: TAKEFIVE

IF YOU THINK YOU ARE BEING SCAMMED OR DO NOT RECOGNISE THE CONTACT

Take Five to Stop Fraud

- **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 okay 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

If you've fallen for a scam, report it to **Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040** or via actionfraud.police.uk.

Scam Text messages can be forwarded to 7726 to help phone providers take early action and block numbers that generate spam on their networks. Scam mobile calls can also be forwarded to **7726**, followed by the word "CALL", then the **scam phone number**

Forward **Fake Emails** received to report@phishing.gov.uk

For further information visit:

<https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/> <https://takefive-stopfraud.org.uk/>