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### **PayPal Scam**

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Trading Standards have received evidence of texts to members of the public which purport to be from the online payment platform PayPal. The texts impersonate official

messages informing the recipient that someone has logged into their account. They then ask the recipient to tap a link which takes you to a fraudulent website, which is under the control of the fraudsters which requests login details, supposedly for verification and "(to) secure your PayPal



account". The fraudsters will the use this information to gain access to your PayPal account.

Remember the golden rule, **Never** click on links contained within Text messages or emails.



If you believe you may have fallen victim to this scam, then contact your bank immediately and then report it to Action Fraud at www.actionfraud.police.uk or calling 0300 123 2040

Always forward any scam text messages to 7726.



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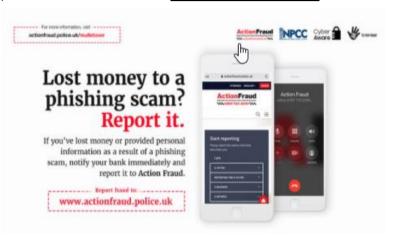
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### **MulletOver**

In April 2020, the suspicious email reporting service (SERS) was launched and in just a year received <u>5.8 million suspicious emails</u> from the public. This has led to the <u>removal of over 43,000</u>

scams 84,000 malicious websites. To support this, and raise awareness, Action Fraud have been running a campaign about phishing emails and you may have seen the National Press release on this and their messages on social media. I wanted to use the opportunity to remind people that it is worth while forwarding suspicious emails to



<u>report@phishing.gov.uk</u> as without your help, we will not be able to remove these scams and malicious websites.



Remember if you get an email asking you to click on a link, don't as it is more than likely to be a scam. Always apply ABC and never Assume or Believe an email is genuine and is necessary always Confirm.

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### Tomorrow is not Saturday it is HappyCaturday

To raise awareness scams and our ABC message, over the next few weeks we will be issuing a Tweet from our Kent Police Economic Crime Unit Twitter Account every Saturday featuring "Bubbles Cat." So, if you have a Twitter account, why not follow us and of course "Bubble's Cat" @KentPoliceECU. On a serious note, we issue daily updates on any new scams with appropriate advice on how to protect yourself and your family.

But as a little exclusive, the below is the first that that will be going out on our twitter tomorrow -

#HappyCaturday! Bubbles says- always use the ABC of scam awareness. Never \*Assume\* or \*Believe\* and always \*Confirm\*. Bubbles didn't.. but he also can't read.







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