

Scam alerts round-up

Overview of recent scam activity

Our round up highlights the latest high-risk scams for both members of the public and solicitors.

We want to help people make well-informed choices about using legal services. As well as supporting solicitors to help keep their firm safe.

In the last three months from **1 November 2024 to 31 January 2025**, we have published 96 scam alerts.

We have set out below a summary of the different platforms that have been used in these scams.

Inheritance entitlement to money (1)

- [Email misusing the name of Stewarts Law LLP](https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2025/jan/stewarts-law-llp/)
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Emails/phishing/malware (38)

- [Emails misusing the name of Paul Crumplin](https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2024/nov/paul-crumplin/)
[<https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2024/nov/paul-crumplin/>]
[<https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2023/dec/simmons-simmons-llp/>]
- [Emails sent misusing the name of Risdons Solicitors LLP](https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2024/dec/risdons-solicitors-llp/)
[<https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2024/dec/risdons-solicitors-llp/>]
- [Email misusing the name of Travers Smith LLP](https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2025/jan/travers-smith-llp/)
[<https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2025/jan/travers-smith-llp/>]
[<https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2024/jan/hewitts-llp/>]

Bogus firms (13)

- ['Keygate Group' website misusing the address of Fladgate LLP and details of solicitors from Fladgate LLP](https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2024/nov/keygate-group/)
[<https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2024/nov/keygate-group/>]
- ['TRW Family Law Ltd' claiming to be a law firm](https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2024/dec/trw-family-law-ltd/)
[<https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2024/dec/trw-family-law-ltd/>]
- [Expert Legal Studio claiming to be a law firm](https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2025/jan/expert-legal-studio/)
[<https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2025/jan/expert-legal-studio/>]

Other (eg. documents, telephone calls and websites) (44)

- [Invoice misusing the name of King & Spalding International LLP](https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2024/jan/king-spalding-international-llp/)
[<https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2024/jan/king-spalding-international-llp/>]



- [Invoice misusing the name of Waterfront Solicitors LLP](https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2024/dec/invoice-misusing-the-name-of-waterfront-solicitors-llp/)
[<https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2024/dec/invoice-misusing-the-name-of-waterfront-solicitors-llp/>]
- [Document from 'Robert Chambers Solicitor & Advocates'](https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2024/dec/robert-chambers-solicitor-advocates/)
[<https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2024/dec/robert-chambers-solicitor-advocates/>]

What you should do

Members of the public

- Check that any unexpected correspondence received is genuine - particularly if it asks you to provide personal information, funds or informs you of new bank details - by contacting the law firm directly by reliable and established means.
- You can [Contact us](https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/contactus) [<https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/contactus>] to find out if a solicitor or law firm is regulated and authorised by the SRA.
- You may also need to verify details independently, such as checking public records (eg. telephone directories and company records) in some circumstances.

Solicitors and law firms

Useful resources to help keep your firm safe:

- [Risk outlook](https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/archive/risk/risk-outlook/) [<https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/archive/risk/risk-outlook/>]
- [Risk publications](https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/archive/risk/risk-resources/) [<https://upgrade.sra.org.uk/archive/risk/risk-resources/>]

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