

Kent Fraud Alert System



Latest Scam Email – Fat Burning Gummies

Action Fraud have received nationally over 127 reports in relation to fake emails impersonating “People’s Keto Gummies”. However, the email is a scam and the link in the email will take you to a realistic looking website under the control of criminals who will then steal your personal and financial data.

If you get an email like this or any other suspicious looking emails, you can report these by forwarding to report@phishing.gov.uk

If you think that you may have been a victim of this or any other type of scam, then contact your Bank immediately, which you can do by calling 159 and report it to Action Fraud at www.actionfraud.police.uk or call 0300 123 2040.

For further information about Fraud, visit our website at Advice about fraud | Kent Police

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Fat-burning gummies

Action Fraud has received 127 reports relating to phishing emails about People's Keto Gummies. The emails claim that the People's Keto Gummies will “support burning fat for energy instead of carbohydrates”. The links in the emails lead to phishing websites that are designed to steal personal and financial information.

HOW TO DEAL WITH SUSPICIOUS MESSAGES

If you have doubts about a message, contact the organisation directly. **Don't** use the numbers or address in the message – use the details from their official website. Your bank (or any other official source) will never ask you to supply personal information via email.

Spotted a suspicious email? Forward it to the Suspicious Email Reporting Service (SERS) - report@phishing.gov.uk



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Talk to us on LiveChat – available 24/7 www.kent.police.uk/contact

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Book your Fraud Protect Presentation

Our Fraud Prevent and Protect Officer is keen to give presentations to organisations and community groups on how to protect yourselves from the threat of Scams and avoid criminals stealing your money.

These can be tapered for the needs and requirements of any group and can be booked for anytime in the future.

Some of the areas covered includes fake emails and text messages, Romance Scams, Rogue Traders, Gift card scams, Impersonation and investment scams, Mandate Fraud for business etc. etc.

The good part is that these come free of charge 😊.

If you are part of or in charge of any groups, including businesses that would benefit from this input, then please contact Stephen Kelly at the following email address –

Stephen.kelly@kent.police.uk



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Gift card Scams

We are continuing to see a rise in scams involving people being requested by criminals to purchase gift cards from stores.

Gift card scams start with a call, text, email, WhatsApp or social media message. Scammers will say anything to get you to purchase gift cards, like Google Play, Apple, Steam, iTunes, or Amazon cards.

Never Assume - If you get a message from anyone claiming to be a friend or family member, or someone claiming to be from a reputable organisation such as HMRC, a bank, or the police, and you are asked to purchase any gift cards – STOP! – it will be a scam.

Never Believe - Scammers will often claim it is an emergency and typically invent a time-critical reason as to why they need you to help them, they need to pay an urgent bill, for example. They will often pull at the heartstrings and say you are the only person they can turn to.

Always Confirm - Protect yourself by trying to speak to the person who you think is asking for the gift card directly or in person. For example: if it is the bank, find the official contact number on your bank card, recent statement or ring 159 and speak with them.

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Ticket Fraud

Many of you may have been unsuccessful in obtaining tickets for next year's Oasis concerts. It is important now if you are looking online for tickets being sold second hand that you do not end up "looking back in anger" from buying fake Oasis tickets.

Criminals will see this as a wonderful opportunity to advertise fake tickets for sale via social media etc.

Be vigilant, avoid clicking on suspicious links and only ever use authorised ticket agents to buy tickets.

For further information on ticket fraud visit the Action fraud Website - [Ticket fraud | Action Fraud](#)

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Investment Frauds

We are seeing a rising in reports of investment scams, from Crypto Currency to fake shares and fake commodities like investing in fine wines.

If you are thinking about making an online investment, thoroughly research the company first and always get independent financial advice.

Criminals will often contact you unexpectedly or advertise on social media with promises of high returns and use images of luxury items to entice you into investing.

They will make offers about massive returns but only if you act fast and invest straight away so do not be rushed or pressured into making a decision and if it sounds too good to be true, then it is.

Checkout the following Action Fraud advice - [Cryptocurrency investment fraud](#) | [Action Fraud](#)

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