

Why do businesses and the public in the UK report cyber crime and fraud to us?

We take reports from victims nationwide providing a clear picture of the scale of cyber crime and fraud, allowing law enforcement to link crimes which happen across the country. This kind of intelligence is key to disrupting cyber crime and fraud.

What happens once I have made a report?

Once you submit a crime report you will receive a crime reference number and be contacted with updates via email.

Why is it important to report?

We're here for the 4.6 million people affected by cyber crime and fraud every year. If you've been affected and live in England, Wales or Northern Ireland - we're the people you need to speak to. The money obtained by fraudsters and cyber criminals can be used to fund crimes like drug smuggling, terrorism and people trafficking.

By reporting cyber crime and fraud, you will enable law enforcement to understand how these criminals operate and help catch them.

Further cyber security advice

If you are an organisation (private, public or voluntary) that wants information about cyber security, contact the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC).

www.ncsc.gov.uk

How can I protect myself?

Follow @reportfrauduk on X, or 'like' us on Facebook and Instagram to keep up-to-date with the latest scams to watch out for.



The Report Fraud website lists a handy A-Z of different fraud types as well as our top tips to protect yourself from fraud.

 www.reportfraud.police.uk

You can sign-up for cyber crime and fraud alerts at:

 reportfraudalert.co.uk

Find out more about how to protect yourself from cyber crime and fraud:

 www.stopthinkfraud.campaign.gov.uk

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Call 0300 123 2040
reportfraud.police.uk

Cyber crime and fraud are both serious criminal offences.

If you've been affected by either, you should report it.

What is cyber crime?

Cyber crime is when criminals use the internet to target individuals and businesses. They can use a wide range of attacks – from stealing your passwords and financial details to locking you out of your computer with malware. If either has happened to you, you should report it as soon as possible.

What is Report Fraud?

Report Fraud is the UK's national reporting centre for cyber crime and fraud. Members of the public, businesses and charities can report to Report Fraud online or on the phone.

Victims' reports are assessed by specialists to see if they are suitable for further action and are then sent to the relevant law enforcement agency to investigate.

What should I do if I'm a victim of cyber crime or fraud?

You can report cyber crime and fraud using the online reporting tool:

**www.reportfraud.police.uk
(24 hours a day, 7 days a week)**

If you do not have internet access, or if you require more support, you can also contact Report Fraud on **0300 123 2040** to speak to an advisor.

What should I do if I am suffering a live cyber attack?

If you are a business, charity or other organisation that is currently suffering a live cyber attack (an attack in progress), call **0300 123 2040** immediately. Do not use the online reporting tool. You can speak to a specialist advisor 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for help.

You should also keep a timeline of events and save any information that is relevant to the attack. An example of a live cyber attack would be when a website or online service crashes after being overwhelmed by a large volume of traffic from multiple sources. This is known as a 'Distributed Denial of Service' (DDoS) attack.