

# Watch out for Covid-19 or Coronavirus fraud



There have been 105 reports relating to Coronavirus, or COVID-19 to Action Fraud since 9th February, with total losses reaching nearly £970,000. And it is increasing:

- ▲ 20 reports between 9<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> February
- ▲ 46 reports between 1<sup>st</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> March
- ▲ 38 reports in just four days, 14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> March

## What scams are Action Fraud seeing?

### Phishing emails



Genuine looking to try to trick people and steal their information like:

Logins and passwords

Banking details

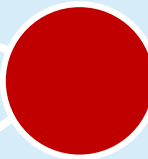
### Online shopping Scams



Buying protective equipment



Ticket fraud



Romance fraud



Lender loan fraud



Charity fraud

### Fake 'Compulsory' Coronavirus Testing



Fraudsters impersonating health and council officials

See Local Government Association's Article

## Protect yourself

### Watch out for scam messages

Don't click on the links or attachments in suspicious emails, and never respond to unsolicited messages and calls that ask for your personal or financial details.

### Shopping online

If you're making a purchase from a company or person you don't know and trust, carry out some research first. Where possible use a credit card as most credit cards insure online purchases.

See Action Fraud's Website

### Protect your devices from the latest threats

Always install the latest software and app updates to protect your devices from the latest threats.

See NCSC Website guidance on securing your devices

### Be a good neighbour

People over 70, those with underlying health conditions or those self-isolating may need extra support. Where possible, use your trusted network of friends and family for help.

See DCC Website about support for our communities