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Want to report a doorstep criminal



Kent residents targeted by COVID-19 text scam

Residents in Kent are being targeted by a text scam claiming you are eligible for a COVID-19 grant.

What happens:

You will receive a text message that states:

'GOVUK: Regarding the new lockdown conditions you are granted for a COVID-19 claim of £277.59'



What to do:

- This is a phishing scam to steal your personal and financial details.
- The link is not an official GOV.UK website.
- For Covid-19 financial support, visit [GOV.UK](#).
- Report suspicious GOV.UK emails, texts and phone calls [here](#).
- If you have fallen victim, contact Citizens Advice Scams Action on 0808 250 5050.

Please warn vulnerable family members, friends and neighbours.

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Scams and Guidance

Find out about how scammers may be trying to target you and your family during the Coronavirus pandemic. We can all be vulnerable to these criminals and the best way to protect yourself is to make sure you are aware. KCC Public protection have created a page that lists scams that are using the Pandemic to target you.

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For advice and to report issues to **KCC Trading Standards** contact [Citizens Advice consumer helpline](#) on **0808 223 1133**
[Consumer Advice scams action line](#) on **0808 250 5050**
Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm.

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