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## National Insurance Phone Scams Alert



We have received reports of telephone scammers once again targeting people in Kent.

### How this scam works:

- The scam caller says they are from the National Insurance Enforcement Agency and your National Insurance number is being held - either for non-

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- They may say there is a warrant out for your arrest and to either pay now or go to court and perhaps jail.
- They may also say that if you didn't pay you will be prevented from getting any benefits or that they have the authority to freeze your bank account.
- One resident was asked for £48,000 to "unblock their NI number"!
- Scammers may call multiple times

### What to do:

- Hang up and don't return their calls.
- **NEVER** disclose any personal information such as bank details or date of birth, no matter who the person claims to be.
- If you have already given money to scammers, contact Kent Police by calling **101** and you can also [report it to Action Fraud](#). The information you give to Action Fraud can help track down the scammer.

### Report it

Kent County Council is currently running a campaign in the Folkestone area in the [Tesco Bags for Life](#) to help protect vulnerable people from telephone scammers by installing a TrueCall phone blocker at their home. Please support our project if you can.



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