

# Kent Fraud Alert System



**TO STOP FRAUD™**

## Phishing Emails - HMRC

Action Fraud have reported that they have received over 440 reports of fake emails impersonation HMRC, offering a Tax “refund.” As always, they ask you to click on a link in the email, which will take you to a genuine looking website but which is under the control of the fraudsters, who are looking to steal your personal and financial data.

HMRC will NEVER send you a email like this requesting you click on a link to obtain a tax rebate and asking for that type of information.

If you receive one of these emails, then please forward to [phishing@hmrc.gov.uk](mailto:phishing@hmrc.gov.uk) .

If you think that you may have been a victim of this type of scam, then contact your Bank immediately and report it to Action Fraud at [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk) or call 0300 123 2040.

## Preventing fraud

Together,  
let's stop  
scammers.



### Remember, ABC:

-  never Assume
-  never Believe
-  always Confirm

Get the latest  
scam advice:   
**@KentPoliceECU**

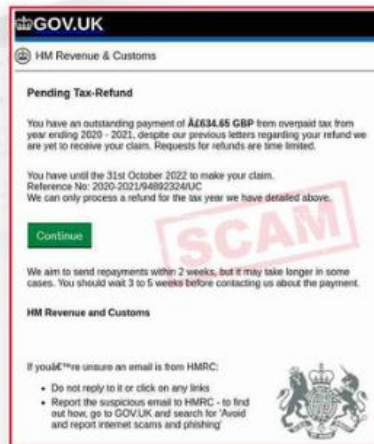
## SCAM WARNING



## Criminals target the public with fake HMRC tax refund emails

We've received 442 reports in two weeks about fake emails purporting to be from HMRC. The emails state that the recipient is owed a tax refund (rebate), and the links provided in the emails lead to genuine-looking phishing websites that are designed to steal personal and financial information.

- HMRC will never send notifications of a tax rebate or ask you to disclose personal or payment information by email.
- Received a suspicious email claiming to be from HMRC? Forward it to - [phishing@hmrc.gov.uk](mailto:phishing@hmrc.gov.uk)



If you require any more information on these scams or would like a Presentation for an organisation/group, then please email me, Steve Kelly, Kent Police Fraud Protect and Prevent Officer, at [stephen.kelly@kent.police.uk](mailto:stephen.kelly@kent.police.uk)



**Kent  
Police**

## Contacting Kent Police

Report a non-urgent crime online [www.kent.police.uk/report](http://www.kent.police.uk/report)  
Talk to us on LiveChat – available 24/7 [www.kent.police.uk/contact](http://www.kent.police.uk/contact)  
In an emergency, if crime is in progress or life is in danger call **999**  
If deaf or speech impaired, text 'police' and your message to **60066**

[www.kent.police.uk](http://www.kent.police.uk)   