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Fraud Facts



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- Fraud is the number one crime in the UK
- Fraud accounts for nearly half of all recorded crime in the UK
- International students have unfortunately been targeted by fraudsters
- Fraudsters are professional criminals and are very convincing



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Criminals may contact their victims by...

- WeChat
- QQ
- Weibo
- Mobile phone





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Criminals may target their victims by...

Stating they are contacting you from one of the following:

- Chinese Police/Chinese Embassy/Government
- Royal Mail
- Immigration Services
- Custom Services

Social Media – offering cheap exchange rates to pay tuition fees.

Prevent & Protect



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- Do not provide any personal information, including bank details, by anyone contacting you via a telephone call, direct message or social media.
- Never download banking apps or social media apps if asked to do so.
- Do not share your University student payment details with anyone and change your password regularly.



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Tricks & Scams

Never...

- Buy electrical items or cheap designer goods in the street

Always...

- Watch out for phishing emails or texts
- Do your research before purchasing from a website or person you don't know and trust

Remember...

- If a deal looks too good to be true, it probably is!



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Prevent & Protect

If you have concerns or have been a victim you can contact of Fraud:

- Call South Yorkshire Police on 101
- Register any incidents to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or at <https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/>
- Contact the University student welfare team or University security or University police
- Its best to call security or the police immediately should you get any suspicious phone calls



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Remember...

Do not pass your bank details to anyone.

Banks will not call you and ask for you to share your bank details.

No police force will call you and ask for money.

Keep your personal information to yourself.



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Thank You – Questions?