

## Scam alerts round-up

### Overview of recent scam activity

Our round up highlights the latest high-risk scams for both members of the public and solicitors.

We want to help people make well-informed choices about using legal services. As well as supporting solicitors to help keep their firm safe.

In the last three months from **1 November 2024 to 31 January 2025**, we have published 96 scam alerts.

We have set out below a summary of the different platforms that have been used in these scams.

#### Inheritance entitlement to money (1)

- [Email misusing the name of Stewarts Law LLP](https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2025/jan/stewarts-law-llp/) [https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2025/jan/stewarts-law-llp/]

#### Emails/phishing/malware (38)

- [Emails misusing the name of Paul Crumplin](https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2024/nov/paul-crumplin/) [https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2024/nov/paul-crumplin/]
- [Emails misusing the name of Simmons Simmons LLP](https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2023/dec/simmons-simmons-llp/) [https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2023/dec/simmons-simmons-llp/]
- [Emails sent misusing the name of Risdons Solicitors LLP](https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2024/dec/risdons-solicitors-llp/) [https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2024/dec/risdons-solicitors-llp/]
- [Email misusing the name of Travers Smith LLP](https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2025/jan/travers-smith-llp/) [https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2025/jan/travers-smith-llp/]
- [Email misusing the name of Hewitts LLP](https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2024/jan/hewitts-plp/) [https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2024/jan/hewitts-plp/]

#### Bogus firms (13)

- ['Keygate Group' website misusing the address of Fladgate LLP and details of solicitors from Fladgate LLP](https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2024/nov/keygate-group/) [https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2024/nov/keygate-group/]
- ['TRW Family Law Ltd' claiming to be a law firm](https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2024/dec/trw-family-law-ltd/) [https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2024/dec/trw-family-law-ltd/]
- [Expert Legal Studio claiming to be a law firm](https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2025/jan/expert-legal-studio/) [https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2025/jan/expert-legal-studio/]

#### Other (eg. documents, telephone calls and websites) (44)

- [Invoice misusing the name of King & Spalding International LLP](https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2024/jan/king-spalding-international-llp/) [https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2024/jan/king-spalding-international-llp/]



- [Invoice misusing the name of Waterfront Solicitors LLP](https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2024/dec/invoice-misusing-the-name-of-waterfront-solicitors-llp/) [https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2024/dec/invoice-misusing-the-name-of-waterfront-solicitors-llp/]
- [Document from 'Robert Chambers Solicitor & Advocates'](https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2024/dec/robert-chambers-solicitor-advocates/) [https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2024/dec/robert-chambers-solicitor-advocates/]

## What you should do

### Members of the public

- Check that any unexpected correspondence received is genuine - particularly if it asks you to provide personal information, funds or informs you of new bank details - by contacting the law firm directly by reliable and established means.
- You can [Contact us](https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/contactus) [https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/contactus] to find out if a solicitor or law firm is regulated and authorised by the SRA.
- You may also need to verify details independently, such as checking public records (eg. telephone directories and company records) in some circumstances.

### Solicitors and law firms

Useful resources to help keep your firm safe:

- [Risk outlook](https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/archive/risk/risk-outlook/) [https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/archive/risk/risk-outlook/]
- [Risk publications](https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/archive/risk/risk-resources/) [https://higher-rights.sra.org.uk/archive/risk/risk-resources/]

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