

Jeremy Collins

From: alert@neighbourhoodalert.co.uk
Sent: 07 February 2018 13:00
To: bucklandnewtonwebmaster@gmail.com
Subject: Flight Ticket Fraud Alert 07/02/2018 13:00:06 [207388]



Flight Ticket Fraud Alert

Flight Ticket Fraud

Fraudsters are attempting to entice victims who are looking for cheap flights abroad.

Victims have reported booking tickets via websites or a “popular” ticket broker, only to discover that after payment via bank transfer or electronic wire transfer, the tickets/booking references received are counterfeit. In some cases, all communications between the company or broker and the victim have been severed.

Fraudsters are targeting individuals who are seeking to travel to African nations and the Middle East, particularly those wishing to travel in time for popular public and religious holidays.

Prevention Advice:

- Pay safe: Be cautious if you're asked to pay directly into a private individual's bank account. Paying by direct bank transfer is like paying by cash – the money is very difficult to trace and is not refundable. Wherever possible, pay by credit card or a debit card.
- Conduct research on any company you're considering purchasing tickets from; for example, are there any negative reviews or forum posts by previous customers online? Don't just rely on one review - do a thorough online search to check the company's credentials.
- Check any company website thoroughly; does it look professional? Are there any spelling mistakes or irregularities? There should be a valid landline phone number and a full postal address so that the company can be contacted. Avoid using the site if there is only a PO Box address and mobile phone number, as it could be difficult to get in touch after you buy tickets. PO Box addresses and mobile phone numbers are easy to change and difficult to trace.
- Be aware that purchasing tickets from a third party, particularly when initial contact has been made via a social media platform can be incredibly risky.

- If tickets to your intended destination appear cheaper than any other vendor, always consider this; if it looks too good to be true, it probably is!
- Look for the logo: Check whether the company is a member of a recognised trade body such as ABTA or ATOL. You can verify membership of ABTA online, at www.abta.com.
- If you have been affected by this, or any other type of fraud, report it to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040, or visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk.



Your opinion counts

Please Help Us By Providing Feedback

Q: Do you often pass information contained in these messages on and if so to how many people?

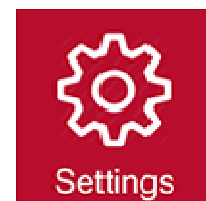
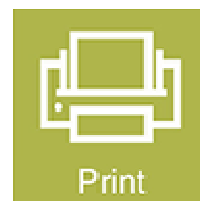
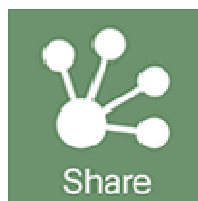
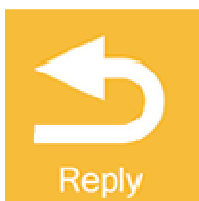
Please click the answer below that most closely represents your opinion

No-one
Up to 5
Up to 10
Up to 20
Up to 50
More than 50

Message Sent By

Action Fraud (Action Fraud, Administrator, National)

To reply or forward this email please use the buttons below or these links: [Reply](#), [Rate](#), [Forward / Share](#).



To login to your account, [click here](#), To report a fault, [click here](#)



You are receiving this message because you are registered On Dorset Alert. Various organisations are licenced To send messages via this system, we call these organisations "Information Providers".

Please note that this message was sent by Action Fraud (National Fraud Intelligence Bureau) and that Action Fraud (National Fraud Intelligence Bureau) does not necessarily represent the views of Dorset Alert or other Information Providers who may send you messages via this system.

You can instantly review the messages you receive and configure which Information Providers can see your information by clicking [here](#), or you can [unsubscribe](#) completely, (you can also review our terms and conditions and Privacy Policy from these links).

This e-mail communication makes use of a "Clear Image" (gif) to track results of the e-mail campaign. If you wish to turn off this tracking for future e-mails, you can do so by not downloading the images in the e-mail itself.