

# Money Transfer Scams



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**Check and**



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As your solicitor we want to ensure that your transaction is as safe, secure and successful as possible.

Solicitors and their clients have been increasingly targeted by criminals with scams which have left them at risk.

Given the sums involved in transactions, clients can be hit particularly hard by transfer scams which are where the client transfers their money to their solicitor or conveyancer – but the money is intercepted and stolen by a fraudster.

Solicitor firms are actively engaging with clients to ensure that their data and monies are well protected.

Scammers can target members of the public who are involved in any kind of legal transaction including conveyancing, litigation and divorce cases where funds are being transferred.

It is strongly recommended that you read the information provided and share it with your family and friends.

The security of your money depends on it!

## BE AWARE

**As your solicitor firm we will never:**

1. Change our bank account details during the course of a transaction.
2. Email you a change in bank details particularly at the last moment.
3. Ask that you send your bank details to us or any other organisation by email.

## BE ALERT

### It is important that you:

1. Remain vigilant at all times and be on guard when responding to any requests for your bank details.
2. Do not phone a telephone number you are unsure of. It could be the scammer! Always verify the telephone number before calling.
3. Check with all parties involved.
4. Contact us directly by telephone using the number provided below to verify any unusual request.
5. Update the security and anti-virus software on your computer.
6. Look for any suspicious activity on your email account.

## BE RESPONSIBLE

### You must take preventative actions to avoid becoming the victim of fraudsters and scammers.

#### Our Contact Details

Name of the solicitor firm	
Name of your contact	
Title	
Office phone number	
Mobile phone number	
Our email address	

#### Our Bank Details

Name of our bank	
Address of bank	
Account Number	
Sort Code	

- ! **Never send this leaflet via email.**
- **Always exchange bank details in person in hard copy.**

# REMEMBER

<b>Never</b> 	<b>Always</b> 
<b>Never</b> accept a last minute change of bank account details by email! 	<b>Always</b> check with the 3rd party by way of an agreed telephone number or face to face.
<b>Never</b> send your bank account details by email or by text! 	<b>Always</b> check with the 3rd party by way of an agreed telephone number or by face to face.
<b>Never</b> click on a link to confirm your bank details. Do not trust such emails, even if they look genuine. 	<b>Always</b> telephone your bank using the phone number on a genuine piece of correspondence, website or the phone book to check if you're not sure.
<b>Never</b> give any personal information (name, address, email or phone number) to organisations or people, before verifying their credentials! 	<b>Always</b> check who they are, who they work for, and most importantly verify their credentials!

## USEFUL CONTACT DETAILS

**Police Service of Northern Ireland**  
Telephone: 101

For more information please see:  
<https://www.nidirect.gov.uk/campaigns/scamwiseni>  
<https://www.getsafeonline.org>

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