

Phishing emails Gift cards

Alert 3.9

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Bromley Trading Standards is warning residents to be Alert to emails purporting to be from someone you know (of), with an example conversation below:

Are you free at the moment? Kind Regards

I am in a conference meeting right now as I would be working till late midnight but need you to help me get some gift cards. Could you pick a few [.....]play gift cards for me from [.....] online store, I tried purchasing online but no luck. When I'm done with the meeting, I will reimburse you.

Don't respond! Check the email address & contact the person you know directly

Scammers use gift cards as a form of payment as they can be easily redeemed and sold on. The criminals don't need the physical card to redeem the value as they ask you to share the serial code on the back of the card with them.

Forward the email to report@phishing.gov.uk

[Phishing: Spot and report scam emails, texts, websites and... - NCSC.GOV.UK](https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/spot-and-report)

Stop.Challenge.Protect.

[Take Five - To Stop Fraud | To Stop Fraud \(takefive-stopfraud.org.uk\)](https://www.takefive-stopfraud.org.uk)

REPORT

Protect others by reporting incidents.

If you or anyone you know have been affected by fraud or any scam report it to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040 or visiting www.actionfraud.police.uk

If you have given out your bank details, contact your bank as soon as possible.

You can also visit www.Bromley.gov.uk/scams