



Suffolk Against Fraud

A Police & Trading Standards Partnership



FRAUD ALERT

Online Stranger? Watch for the Red Flags ▶

Not every online stranger is a new friend. Fake profiles and scam accounts are designed to gain your trust before asking for personal information, money, or access to your accounts.

Be alert if someone online is:

- ▶ Asking for personal details, passwords or account information
- ▶ Requesting money, gift cards or banking details
- ▶ Rushing you to act *right now* or creating a sense of urgency
- ▶ Encouraging you to keep conversations secret from parents, carers or friends
- ▶ Pretending to be someone famous, an official organisation, or another trusted person

Criminals can be convincing, but knowing the warning signs can help you stay one step ahead.

- ✓ Build your scam awareness skills
- ✓ Learn how to spot fraud and manipulation tactics
- ✓ Help create a safer online community

Sign up as a Young Friend Against Scams today:

🔗 www.friendsagainstscams.org.uk/young-friends

If you'd like to learn more about online relationship scams and how criminals exploit trust, visit **Report Fraud** for advice on recognising and reporting romance fraud (www.reportfraud.police.uk/romance-fraud/)

Take a moment to think: if something feels wrong, stop, check, and talk to someone you trust.



**When something
feels off **stop** and
talk to someone
you trust**



Report crime online – suffolk.police.uk/report

To get in touch directly with the SAF team - saf@suffolk.gov.uk

To report fraud or suspected scams to Report Fraud - www.reportfraud.police.uk

To report fraud or suspected scams to Citizens Advice -

www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams/reporting-a-scam/

In an emergency, always call **999**