

Recognising problems with a solicitor

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The greatest risks posed to the public and consumers of legal services are fraud, dishonesty and serious misconduct. We guard against these risks.

Check our scam alerts [<https://www.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/>] for details of recent and ongoing scams.

Gathering information - contact us

We have a unit dedicated to gathering information and intelligence. If you know - or suspect - that a person or firm regulated by us, or one of their employees, is involved in dishonesty or fraud, contact us [<https://www.sra.org.uk/home/contact-us/>] immediately.

Any report you make can be treated with strict confidentiality.

What should I report?

Examples of the type of conduct you can report to us:

- Abandonment or sudden closure [<https://www.sra.org.uk/consumers/problems/fraud-dishonesty/abandonment-closure/>] of a firm or sole practitioner
- Arrest, charge or conviction [<https://www.sra.org.uk/consumers/problems/fraud-dishonesty/arrest-charge-conviction/>] of a person regulated by us
- Suspected dishonesty [<https://www.sra.org.uk/consumers/problems/fraud-dishonesty/dishonesty-suspected/>]
- Fraud [<https://www.sra.org.uk/consumers/problems/fraud-dishonesty/fraud/>]
- Financial problems [<https://www.sra.org.uk/consumers/problems/fraud-dishonesty/financial-problems/>]
- A person or firm pretending to be a solicitor, [<https://www.sra.org.uk/consumers/problems/fraud-dishonesty/bogus-fake-solicitors/>] or
- a regulated individual or firm being involved in a scam [<https://www.sra.org.uk/consumers/problems/fraud-dishonesty/scams/>].
- If you suspect that a law firm or a solicitor is involved with a 'get rich quick' scheme [<https://www.sra.org.uk/consumers/problems/fraud-dishonesty/investment-schemes/>], or if you have become involved with a scheme.
- A legal threat from a solicitor [<https://www.sra.org.uk/consumers/problems/fraud-dishonesty/legal-threats-solicitor/>] or law firm

We encourage you to contact us [<https://www.sra.org.uk/home/contact-us/>] immediately—even if you are in doubt about reporting. You can also use our report a solicitor page [<https://www.sra.org.uk/consumers/problems/report-solicitor/>] to send us information.