

Alerts

Warning: Emails misusing the name of Chan Neill Solicitors LLP

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Emails have been sent claiming to be from Murphy Wu of Chan Neill Solicitors LLP.

What is the scam?

The SRA has been informed that emails have been sent to a member of the public misusing the name of a genuine firm of solicitors (see below).

The letter relates to a conveyancing transaction, and it is understood that the emails requested the recipient to transfer funds into a bank account unconnected with the genuine firm.

The emails seen by the SRA are sent from someone using the name 'Murphy Wu' and falsely claiming to be a Legal Assistant at the genuine firm. The emails are sent using the email address mwu@cnsolicitors.com. The spelling of 'solicitors' is incorrect in this domain (see below for details of the genuine firm).

Any business or transaction through the email address 'mwu@cnsolicitors.com' (or any address using the domain @cnsolicitors.com) is not undertaken by a firm or solicitor authorised and regulated by the SRA.

Is there a genuine firm or person?

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine firm of solicitors called Chan Neill Solicitors LLP, with SRA ID 668071. Emails from the genuine firm use a domain of @cnsolicitors.com.

The SRA does not authorise or regulate an individual called 'Murphy Wu'.

The genuine firm has confirmed it has no genuine connection to the emails referred to in the above alert and does not employ a person named Murphy Wu.

What should I do?

When a firm's or individual's identity has been copied exactly (or cloned), due diligence is necessary. If you receive correspondence claiming to be from the above firm(s) or individual(s), or information of a similar nature to that described, you should conduct your own due diligence by

checking the authenticity of the correspondence by contacting the law firm directly by reliable and established means. You can contact the SRA to find out if individuals or firms are regulated and authorised by the SRA and verify an individual's or firm's practising details. Other verification methods, such as checking public records (e.g. telephone directories and company records) may be required in other circumstances.