

Alerts

Warning: Documents misusing the name of Lodders Solicitors LLP

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Documents purporting to be a 'Business Lease' have been misusing the name of Lodders Solicitors LLP.

What is the scam?

The SRA has been informed that several documents, each purporting to be a 'Business Lease', are claiming to be from a genuine firm of solicitors.

The documents seen by the SRA, and confirmed by the genuine firm, misuse the name of the genuine firm, logo, address stamp, details of a former member of staff and SRA ID of a genuine firm of solicitors (see below). The SRA understands that the documents were received by various energy companies.

Is there a genuine firm or person?

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine firm of solicitors called Lodders Solicitors LLP trading as Lodders Solicitors. The genuine firm has offices at Glensanda House, 1 Montpelier Parade Cheltenham GL50 1UA and 14 St Paul's Square Birmingham B3 1RB. The SRA IDs are 653836 and 643538. The genuine firm also has offices in other locations, including its head office at 10 Elm Court, Arden Street, Stratford-upon-Avon, CV37 6PA.

The genuine firm of Lodders Solicitors LLP have confirmed they do not have any connection to the documents referred to in the above alert.

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.

