

Alerts

Warning: LinkedIn account for 'Sarah Graham' misusing the name of Vardags Limited

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There is a LinkedIn account for 'Sarah Graham' who is claiming to be a 'lawyer' at Vardags Limited.

What is the scam?

The SRA has been informed that there is a LinkedIn account for an individual called 'Sarah Graham' who is claiming to work as a 'lawyer' at Vardags Limited.

The LinkedIn account misuses the name of a genuine firm of solicitors (see below).

Any business or transaction undertaken through the LinkedIn account of 'Sarah Graham' is not undertaken by the genuine firm of solicitors.

Is there a genuine firm or person?

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine firm of solicitors called Vardags Limited whose head office is based at 6th Floor, 10 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7NG. The email domain for the genuine firm is @vardags.com.

The SRA also authorises and regulates two genuine solicitors called Sarah Graham who are not thought to have any connection to the LinkedIn account referred to above.

The genuine firm Vardags Limited has confirmed that it does not employ any individual named 'Sarah Graham' nor has any connection with the LinkedIn account 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.