

Alerts

Warning: Emails misusing the name of Lucy Richards and Bater Law Ltd

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Emails have been sent falsely claiming to be from 'Lucy Richards' of Bater Law Ltd.

What is the scam?

The SRA has been advised that emails have been sent falsely claiming to be from 'Lucy Richards' of Bater Law Ltd.

The email seen by the SRA is entitled 'Settlement Agreement' and has a link attached to it requesting the recipient to click it to review the document and sign it.

A concern is that the link may contain malware.

Is there a genuine firm or person?

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine firm of solicitors called Bater Law Ltd.

The SRA also authorises and regulates two solicitors called Lucy Richards, one of whom is employed as a solicitor at the genuine firm Bater Law Ltd. Her genuine email address is lucyrichards@baterlaw.com.

The genuine firm of Bater Law Ltd has confirmed that neither it, nor the genuine Lucy Richards have any genuine or intended connection to the emails 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.