

Alerts

Warning: Emails falsely claiming to be from Andrew Meehan of Harrogate Family Law Limited

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Emails have been sent falsely claiming to be from Andrew Meehan of Harrogate Family Law Limited

What is the scam?

The SRA has been informed that emails have been sent to various insurance companies by someone falsely claiming to be a solicitor at a genuine firm of solicitors (see below).

The emails were sent from the email address 'andrewharrogatefamilylaw@gmail.com' to various insurance companies, requesting quotes for fleet insurance.

Any business or transactions through 'andrewharrogatefamilylaw@gmail.com' is not undertaken by a firm or individual authorised and regulated by the SRA.

Is there a genuine firm or person?

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine firm of solicitors called Harrogate Family Law Limited. Its email domain is '@harrogatefamilylaw.co.uk'.

Andrew Meehan is a solicitor, owner and director of Harrogate Family Law Limited. His genuine email address is andrew.meehan@harrogatefamilylaw.co.uk.

The genuine firm of Harrogate Family Law Limited has confirmed that neither it nor the genuine Andrew Meehan have any 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.