

Alerts

Warning: Stamped document misusing the name of Chadwicks Solicitors

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A document has been stamped misusing the name of Chadwicks Solicitors.

What is the scam?

The SRA has seen a copy of a lease which misuses the name of Chadwicks Solicitors.

The stamped document misuses the name and head office address of a genuine firm of solicitors (see below). The stamp also includes the telephone number 01772 287981.

Is there a genuine firm or person?

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine firm of solicitors called Chadwicks Solicitors. Chadwicks Solicitors is a trading name of Harrison Swift Solicitors Limited. The genuine firm's head office is at Tudor House, 9-11 Towngate, Leyland, PR25 2EN. The genuine firm's telephone number is 01772 424080 and its SRA ID is 8007009.

The genuine Chadwicks Solicitors has confirmed it has no connection to the document referred to in the above alert or the telephone number 01772 287981.

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.