



Alerts

Warning: Emails misusing the names of Steven Butchart and MSB Solicitors Limited

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Emails have been sent misusing the names of Steven Butchart and MSB Solicitors Limited.

What is the scam?

The SRA has seen emails falsely claiming to be from a genuine solicitor at a genuine firm of solicitors (see below).

The emails were in relation to cryptocurrency transactions.

The emails were sent from the email address 'stevenbutchart@msbsolicitors.com'.

Any business or transaction through 'stevenbutchart@msbsolicitors.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 MSB Solicitors Limited.

The firm's genuine head office address is 1st Floor, 4 St Pauls Square, Liverpool, L3 9SJ. The firm's genuine telephone number for its head office address is 01512819040.

The firm's genuine email domain ends in '@msbsolicitors.co.uk' (not '.com').

The SRA also authorises and regulates a genuine solicitor called Steven John Butchart who is a solicitor at the genuine firm.

The genuine firm of MSB Solicitors has confirmed that neither it nor its Steven Butchart 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.