

Alerts

Warning: Emails misusing the name of Parkinson Wright LLP

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Emails have been sent misusing the name of Parkinson Wright LLP, providing fraudulent bank account details.

What is the scam?

Emails have been sent falsely claiming to be from Sarah Phillips of Parkinson Wright LLP in relation to a conveyancing transaction.

An email provided new bank account details requesting the recipients to transfer funds to that account, which is not the genuine firm's account, in relation to a conveyancing transaction. The email footer misuses the name and contact details of the genuine firm of solicitors (see below).

Any business or transactions through the email domain of 'sjp@parkinsonwright.online' are 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 Parkinson Wright LLP. The genuine firm's trading name is QualitySolicitors Parkinson Wright LLP whose head office address is Haswell House, St Nicholas Street, Worcester, WR1 1UN. The genuine firm's email domain ends in '@parkinsonwright.co.uk'.

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine solicitor called Sarah Phillips who is an employee of the genuine firm Parkinson Wright LLP. Sarah Phillip's SRA ID is 393356.

The firm has confirmed that neither the firm nor Sarah Phillips has 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 (eg. telephone directories and company records) may be required in other circumstances.