

Alerts

Warning: Emails misusing the name of Azmi-Rana Solicitors Limited

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Emails have been sent falsely claiming to be from 'AML Solicitors' attaching a supposed 'mortgage offer'.

What is the scam?

Emails have been sent falsely claiming to be from 'AML Solicitors' attaching a supposed 'mortgage offer'. The email had the subject heading 'Amended Mortgage Instruction'. A concern is that the link may contain malware.

The email misuse the genuine name and address of a genuine firm of solicitors and the name of a genuine solicitor. The emails also appear to be sent from the genuine email address for a genuine solicitor (see below).

The emails provide a telephone number of '0161 795 4007' and fax number '0161 795 4118'.

Any business or transactions claiming to be through the telephone number '0161 795 4007' and fax number '0161 795 4118' 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 Azmi-Rana Solicitors Limited trading as AML Solicitors. The firm is based at The Halfway House 2 Middleton Road Manchester M8 5DS. The firm's genuine telephone number is 0161 795 4777 and fax number is 0161 795 4888.

The SRA also authorises and regulates a genuine solicitor called Lubna Rehman who is a consultant at Azmi-Rana Solicitors Limited. Her genuine email address at the firm is l.rehman@amlsolicitors.com.

The genuine Azmi-Rana Solicitors Limited and Lubna Rehman have confirmed that they have no genuine and 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.