

Alerts

Warning: Document falsely claiming to be stamped by Agecroft Legal Services Limited

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A document has been 'stamped' misusing the name of 'Agecroft Legal Services Limited'

What is the scam?

A document which appears to be part of a lease has been 'stamped' misusing the name of 'Agecroft Legal Services Limited'.

The SRA has been provided with a document which contains a 'stamp' mark falsely claiming to be from 'Agecroft Legal Services Limited'. The stamp misuses the address and SRA number of a genuine firm (see below) and contains a false telephone number of 01612622873.

Any document containing a stamp purporting to be from 'Agecroft Legal Services Limited' are not certified by the genuine firm.

Is there a genuine firm or person?

The SRA does authorise and regulate a genuine firm called the Agecroft Legal Services Limited. Its genuine address is Grosvenor House, Agecroft Road, Manchester M27 8UW. The genuine firm is the parent company to another SRA regulated firm called Brian Barr Limited which has the same address as above.

The genuine telephone number for Brian Barr Limited is 0161 737 9248.

The genuine firm has confirmed that it does not have any connection to the document 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.