

Alerts

Warning: Emails misusing the name of Peacock & Co Solicitors Ltd

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Correspondence has been sent misusing the name of Marijana Molnar of Peacock & Co Solicitors Ltd.

What is the scam?

We understand that emails have been sent to members of the public falsely claiming to be from Marijana Molnar of Peacock & Co Solicitors Ltd. The emails were sent using an address similar to the current email address of a genuine solicitor (see below in relation to the genuine firm and solicitor).

The email seen by the SRA appears to have been sent from the email address 'marijana.molnar@peacocklaw.uk' in an attempt to divert funds for a property transaction.

The telephone number quoted in the email is '01709 246088'. The telephone number '01709 246088' has also been used in other scams relating to different firms of solicitors:

- Emails misusing the name of Inghams Solicitors | Solicitors Regulation Authority [<https://www.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2021/jun/ingham-solicitors/>]
- Emails misusing the name of Chamberlain Martin Solicitors | Solicitors Regulation Authority [<https://www.sra.org.uk/consumers/scam-alerts/2021/may/chamberlain-martin-solicitors/>]

Any business or transactions through the email address 'marijana.molnar@peacocklaw.uk' or the telephone number '01709 246088' are not undertaken by a solicitor's practice authorised and regulated by the SRA or by an 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 Peacock & Co Solicitors Ltd. The genuine firm uses email addresses that end with the domain name '@peacock-law.co.uk'

The SRA also authorises and regulates a genuine solicitor called Marijana Molnar, who is employed at Peacock & Co Solicitors Ltd and whose genuine email address is 'marijana.molnar@peacock-law.co.uk'.

The genuine main office telephone numbers for Peacock & Co Solicitors Ltd are 020 8944 5290 or 020 8035 0388.

The genuine firm of Peacock & Co Solicitors Ltd has confirmed that neither it nor the solicitor, Marijana Molnar, have any 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.