

Alerts

Warning: Emails misusing the name of E J Winter & Son LLP

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Emails have been sent falsely claiming to be from E J Winter & Son LLP, providing false account details.

What is the scam?

The SRA has been informed that emails have been sent out, falsely claiming to be from E J Winter & Son LLP.

The SRA understands that the emails have been sent from email addresses which use the domain name "@ejwinters.co.uk" (with an "s"), which is very similar but different to the genuine domain name of the genuine firm (see below).

For example, the SRA has been informed that fake emails have been sent using the email address "cheryl@ejwinters.co.uk".

The SRA has been informed that the scam emails may provide false account payment details.

Any business or transaction through the email address "cheryl@ejwinters.co.uk", or any email ending in the domain name "@ejwinters.co.uk" (i.e. including an "s"), is not undertaken by a firm or individual authorised and regulated by the SRA.

Is there a genuine firm or person?

E J Winter & Son LLP is a genuine firm of solicitors which is authorised and regulated by the SRA. The correct domain name for the firm is "ejwinter.co.uk" and the firm's genuine email addresses end in "@ejwinter.co.uk" (with no "s"). The firm does have a member of staff called Cheryl Brabon, whose genuine email address is "cheryl@ejwinter.co.uk".

The firm of E J Winter & Son LLP has confirmed that it has no genuine 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.