

Alerts

Warning: Emails misusing the name of Linklaters LLP

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Emails have been sent from various email domains in relation to supposed outstanding invoices, misusing the name of Linklaters LLP.

What is the scam?

Emails have been sent to third parties claiming to be from an employee of Linklaters LLP, requesting payment of outstanding invoices. Emails were sent using the following email domains:

- @linklaters560.onmicrosoft.com
- @linklaters421.onmicrosoft.com
- @linklatersLLP638.onmicrosoft.com

The emails misuse the name and logo of a genuine firm of solicitors (see below).

Any business or transactions through the above email domains 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 Linklaters LLP. The genuine firm's head office is at One Silk Street, London EC2 8HQ. The firm's genuine email domains end with @linklaters.com.

Linklaters LLP has confirmed it does not have 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 (e.g. telephone directories and company records)
may be required in other circumstances.