

## Alerts

### **Warning: Emails have been sent misusing the name of Reed Smith LLP**

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Emails have been sent misusing the name of Reed Smith LLP in relation to the infringement of copyright protected images.

#### **What is the scam?**

The SRA has been informed that e-mails have been sent to third parties falsely claiming to be from Reed Smith LLP (the firm).

The e-mail seen by the SRA suggests the recipient is infringing on copyright protected images owned by Reed Smith. It requests the recipient to click on the link provided to review the documents.

The e-mail was sent using various addresses but uses the firm's genuine e-mail domain, @reedsmith.com.

#### **Is there a genuine firm or person?**

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine firm of solicitors called Reed Smith LLP whose address is The Broadgate Tower, 20 Primrose Street, London, EC2A 2RS. The telephone number is 0203 1163000. The website is [www.reedsmith.com](http://www.reedsmith.com). The e-mail domain used by the firm is @reedsmith.com.

The genuine firm of Reed Smith LLP has confirmed that they do not have any connection with the email 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.