



Absafe Community Safety Bulletin

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NEW SANTANDER TEXT MESSAGE SCAM TARGETS CURRENT ACCOUNT USERS

Santander customers are being targeted by scammers using fake text messages, used to steal funds from current accounts.

Victims of the scam are now struggling to recoup losses as they revealed their One Time Passcode (OTP) to the fraudsters. Here's what you need to know to keep your accounts safe.



HOW THE SCAM WORKS

Criminals are reportedly using a technique called number spoofing to send messages to victims that appear to be from the bank and part of an existing thread.

These warn that there has been unusual activity on the account and that the customer needs to call a number or click a link to verify information.

Scammers then convince the victims to provide account details for their online banking and generate a OTP, which allows them to empty the accounts. The OTP is an extra layer of security Santander uses to authorise things like setting up a new payee or changing details on the account.

More and more people are using current accounts as savings accounts as they offer more interest than traditional deals. This means more cash is likely to be held in a current account, which makes them a prime target for fraudsters.

CAN VICTIMS GET THEIR MONEY BACK?

Sadly, Santander will not refund the victims of this scam because they handed over the essential OTP code, which allowed the fraudsters to siphon the money.

HOW TO STAY SAFE

- Your bank will never contact you to ask for your account details, pin or your OTP code
- You should ignore and report any message, call or email you get asking for this sort of sensitive personal information
- If you think if you have become a victim of a scam, contact your bank as soon as possible using the number on the back of your debit card

WHAT'S ON AT ABSAFE?

COULD YOU BECOME THE NEXT AB-RENTICE?

Absafe is about to launch the Ab-Rentice, a fundraising initiative held in partnership with AFC Community Trust (AFCCT).

We are looking for teams of five people who will have five weeks of 'trading' to make as much money as possible for Absafe and AFCCT. At the beginning of the process, teams will be given

£50 each and have to come up with a money-making idea with the biggest return.

To keep the scheme in line with the BBC's 'The Apprentice', throughout the five weeks, teams will have access to supporting business advisors on hand to help your team with any questions.

If you feel your work colleagues, friends or family would like to join in please contact Victoria on Victoria@absafe.org.uk to register your team.

Aberdeen Football Club has donated large prizes and will host a launch event at Pittodrie Stadium on Monday 24th April.

ABSAFE NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH DIRECTORY

Don't forget to contact us with some basic details about your neighbourhood watch group. We want to create the Absafe Neighbourhood Watch Directory, which will feature the contact details of groups around Aberdeen city and shire. Email watch@absafe.org.uk to include your group.

Noteworthy Property Incidents (Homes, Gardens & Vehicles):

Police Scotland has provided the following list of incidents which have occurred in your area this week as a snapshot of the current crime trends. All incidents are not recorded below, either for legal reasons or where there are issues of sensitivity. The statistics below should not be seen as an accurate reflection of all crime in your area but as a way of raising your awareness to crime in general. This in turn should allow you to take the appropriate safety/security steps to prevent yourself from being a victim of crime.

NORTH				
TIME PERIOD	LOCATION	CRIME TYPE	INFORMATION	
BUCKSBURN				
BRIDGE OF DON				
NORTHFIELD				
13/03/17	14/03/17	Granitehill Road	Theft by HB	Forced entry to garage and stole from within
MASTRICK				
11/03/17	12/03/17	Clifton Road	HBWI	Force entry to shed with intent to steal
11/03/17	11/03/17	Cairncry Road	Theft of vehicle	Steal motor cycle from location
TILLYDRONE				
KITTYBREWSTER				
10/03/17	10/03/17	Jute Street	Theft of vehicle	Steal motor cycle from location
07/03/17	10/03/17	Berryden Road	Theft by HB	Gain entry to dwelling and steal keys from within, then steal vehicle from outside
09/03/17	10/03/17	Lamond Place	Theft of vehicle	Steal motor cycle from location
SEATON				
08/03/17	10/03/17	Roslin Street	Theft from a motor vehicle	Steal registration plates from parked vehicle
11/03/17	12/03/17	Jasmine Terrace	Theft by HB	Force entry to shed and steal from within
15/03/17	15/03/17	Constitution Street	In building with intent to steal	Enter property with intent to commit theft
14/03/17	16/03/17	Wales Street	Att Theft of a motor vehicle	Gain entry to vehicle and attempt to steal same
SOUTH				
CITY CENTRE				
NIGG				
12/03/17	12/03/17	Aboyne Gardens	Theft by HB	Force entry to dwelling and steal from within

TORRY				
13/03/17	16/03/17	Polwarth Road	Theft by HB	Gain access to dwelling and steal from within
HAZLEHEAD				
ROSEMOUNT				
WEST END				
11/03/17	12/03/17	Albyn Lane	Theft from a motor vehicle	Steal wheel trims from parked vehicle
13/03/17	13/03/17	Holburn Street	Att HBWI	Attempt to force entry to premises with intent to steal
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SOUTH ABERDEENSHIRE				
07/03/2017	10/03/2017	Daviot, Inverurie	OLPWI	Force entry to store with intent to steal
10/03/2017	13/03/2017	Main Street, Alford	Att HBWI	Attempt to force entry to dwelling with intent to steal
11/03/2017	11/03/2017	Bridge Street, Ellon	Theft by HB	Force entry to premises and steal from within
15/03/2017	15/03/2017	South Deeside Road, Maryculter	Theft by HB	Force entry to premises and steal from within
16/03/2017	16/03/2017	Gartly, Huntly	HBWI	Force entry to dwelling with intent to steal
15/03/2017	16/03/2017	Arbeadie Road, Banchory	Theft	Steal bench from locus
NORTH ABERDEENSHIRE				
10/03/2017	11/03/2017	Boyndie Road, Banff	Theft of motor vehicle	Steal insecure motor vehicle from locus
11/03/2017	11/03/2017	Northern Court, Fraserburgh	Theft	Steal motor scooter from locus
15/03/2017	15/03/2017	Blackhills, Peterhead	Att HBWI	Attempt to force entry to dwelling with intent to steal
MORAY				

Key: HB - House Breaking

OLP - Open Lockfast Place

OLPWI - Open Lockfast Place with Intent

HBWI - House Breaking with Intent

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