

Alerts

Warning: Email misusing the name of Irwin Mitchell LLP

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An email has been sent falsely claiming to be from Irwin Mitchell LLP purporting to be a warning regarding the violation of intellectual property rights.

What is the scam?

The SRA have seen an email sent to a member of the public purporting to be from a genuine firm of solicitors (see below) providing a notice regarding the violation of intellectual property rights.

The email is from 'Irwin Mitchell LLP - noreply@appsheet.com', includes a valid email address info@irwinmitchell.com and a valid telephone number +44 20 7400 8700 but the address '16 High Street, Basingstoke' is not a valid address for Irwin Mitchell LLP. The email also provides a link. The concern is the link may contain malware.

The email misuses the name and genuine contact details for a genuine firm of solicitors (see below).

Any business or transaction through the above address '16 High Street, Basingstoke' or email address 'noreply@appsheet.com' is 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 firm of solicitors called Irwin Mitchell LLP (SRA number 570654). The firm's head office address is Riverside East, 2 Millsands, Sheffield, S3 8DT.

Daryna Plysak (SRA number 661954), Associate Solicitor with Irwin Mitchell LLP has confirmed that it does not have any connection to the 'noreply@appsheet.com' email address or the '16 High Street, Basingstoke' address.

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.