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Drivers Targeted With Fake Fines

Action Fraud has received an increase in reports of elderly drivers becoming victims of fake fines.

What happens:

- The victim is targeted by a criminal impersonating a police officer or traffic warden while parked in a car.
- The victim is told they have parked illegally or broken a speed limit and that a photo has been taken of their car as "evidence".
- They are told to pay a small upfront fee immediately or face a substantial penalty fine.
- They are directed to a (previously tampered with) parking payment machine.
- The criminal shoulder surfs the victim as they enter their pin and the machine retains the victim's card.

**What to do:**

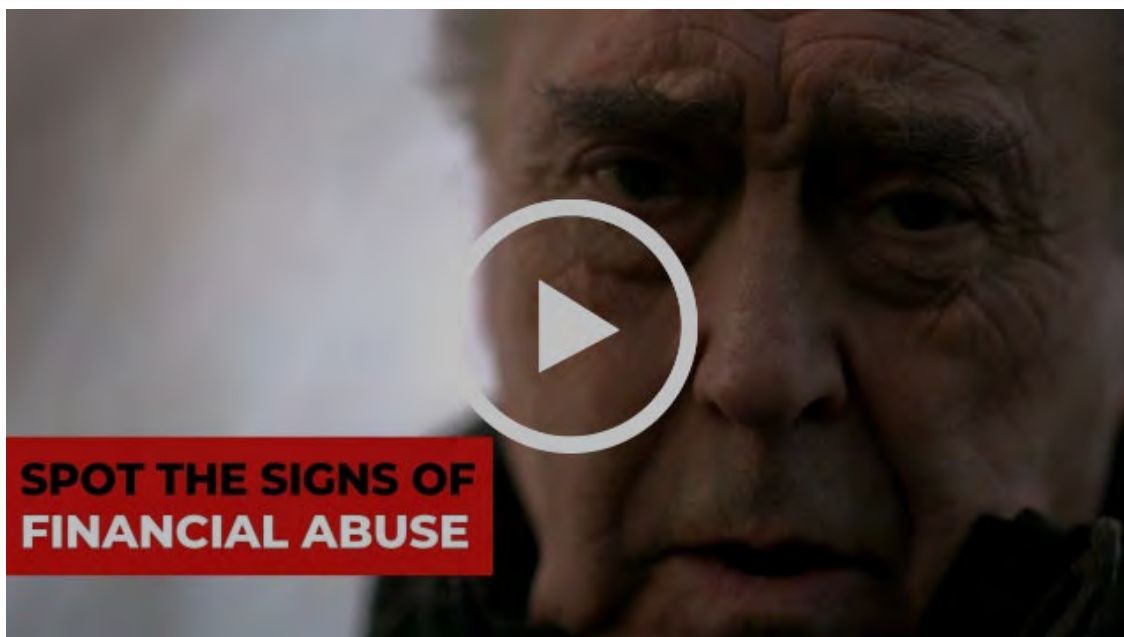
- If it is a council car park and you are suspicious about a fine, do not pay it until you have verified with your local council. If it is a private car park check with the company
- Always shield your PIN from view and never share your PIN with anyone.
- If your bank card is retained by the machine, contact your bank immediately to inform them.
- If you have been a victim of this type of crime call Kent Police on 101 to report.

Please warn vulnerable family members, friends and neighbours.

Spot the signs of financial abuse

Be alert to signs that someone you know has fallen prey to financial abuse. Anyone can be a target, but criminals will often target people when they are most vulnerable.

Watch the video below to see how victims are targeted. If you have concerns about a neighbour, family member, friend, patient, client or someone you visit, [click here to](#)



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Help keep your community safe. [Report](#) doorstep criminals as soon as you see them or tell your local [Community Warden](#) or [Police Officer](#).

Even if you're not sure if they are a criminal tell us anyway, we want to know.

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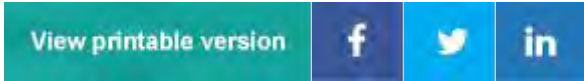


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