

## Alerts

### **Warning: Fraudulent Copyright Infringement Notice sent purporting to be from Gowen & Stevens LLP**

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A fraudulent Copyright Infringement Notice is being sent purporting to be from Gowen & Stevens LLP.

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

A fraudulent Copyright Infringement Notice is being sent purporting to be from Gowen & Stevens LLP (the firm).

The Copyright Infringement Notice purporting to be from the firm is being sent from email address heewaffgedisc1989@gmail.com. The footer of the Copyright Infringement Notice does use the firms correct email address, telephone number and website.

Any business or transaction through the email address heewaffgedisc1989@gmail.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 genuine firm of solicitors called Gowen & Stevens LLP.

The firm's head office is based at 5 Mulgrave Chambers, 26-28 Mulgrave Road, Sutton, SM2 6LE.

The genuine firm's telephone number is 020 8661 8611. All emails from the firm use the domain @gowenandstevens.com.

The genuine firm has confirmed that they do not have any genuine connection to the email address heewaffgedisc1989@gmail.com.

#### **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.