

RIPOFF TIPOFF FOR BUSINESSES

Businesses are being advised to be on their guard against promotional firms that contact them for unwanted business, after a number of local firms were charged for bogus contracts.

One bogus media firm picks on small businesses using pressure selling techniques to get them to agree to promotional contracts. Many local traders that refused found that they had been signed up by the firm anyhow, were then charged for unwanted services and received threats of legal action to obtain money.

Staffordshire Trading Standards Officers are advising local traders that these demands should not be met. If you have not requested a service the provider cannot demand payment nor can they sign you up to contracts without your permission.

If your business has received invoices or demands for unwanted services, they are not worth the paper they are printed on and are empty threats to con you out of your money.

If you have concerns you should contact your local Trading Standards office for further advice and assistance.

All our alerts are available in a range of formats and languages, including large print. Please contact Cath Wohlers if this would be helpful to you, or to someone you know.

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