

Postal Scam Chain Email

For a number of years a chain email has been circulating reporting a postal scam that takes place in the run up to Christmas.

The email reads 'A card is posted through your door from a company called PDS (Parcel Delivery Service) suggesting that they were unable to deliver a parcel and that you need to contact them on 0906 6611911 (a premium rate number). DO NOT call this number, as this is a mail scam originating from Belize. If you call the number and you start to hear a recorded message you will already have been charged £15 for the phone call'.

Although this was an actual scam that took place, it was found and shut down in 2005. In October 2008, Phonepay Plus (formerly ICSTIS) put out the following statement:

- The chain email refers to a service that was shut down by us in December 2005.
- We subsequently fined the company that was operating the service from Belize £10,000.
- The service is NO LONGER RUNNING and has NOT been running since December 2005.

If you receive this chain email, please do not forward it on to friends and family. This only serves to keep the chain going year on year, and provides unnecessary worry and anxiety to those people who think this scam is still taking place.

It does however make sense to be aware of scams that might come through your letter box. If you have concerns about any letters or parcel delivery cards you may receive, please contact Consumer Direct on 08454 04 05 06.

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