

Selling your car?

Staffordshire Trading Standards have become aware of a scam affecting people selling their cars. Reports have been received from people who have advertised their cars for sale in national publications and online. They have then been contacted by email by persons offering to buy their car. The person offers to pay for the vehicle using PayPal and claims that they are working away from the UK so they will send a private courier to collect the car. The email advises you how to open a PayPal account online.

This is a scam as the person who makes the contact by email will then use the chargeback method to withdraw the money back from your PayPal account once their 'private courier' has collected the vehicle.

PayPal advise that if a buyer collects an item in person, ask them to bring along proof of identity. Please see PayPal chargeback guide for ways of staying safe.

www.paypal-marketing.co.uk/safetyadvice/ChargebackGuide.htm

When selling a car you are advised to check the guidance issued by the publication or website. This will also help to protect you from scammers and other discrepancies.

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