

Alerts

Warning: Email misusing the name of Bradley 'Brad' Armstrong and MSB Solicitors Limited

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An email has been sent misusing the name of Brad Armstrong and MSB Solicitors Limited in relation to a supposed inheritance.

What is the scam?

The SRA has been informed that an email has been sent from an individual called 'Brad Armstrong' claiming to be a 'legal team member' at a genuine firm of solicitors. The email refers to a supposed deceased person and related land title inheritance sales.

The email was sent using an email address of 'msbbradarmstrong@gmail.com' and misuses the name and registered address of a genuine firm of solicitors and the name of a genuine solicitor (see below).

Any business or transaction through the email domain 'msbbradarmstrong@gmail.com' is not undertaken by a firm or individual authorised and regulated by the SRA.

Is there a genuine firm or person?

MSB Solicitors Limited is a law firm authorised and regulated by the SRA. Its head office is 1st Floor, 4 St. Pauls Square, Liverpool, L3 9JS. Its email domain ends with @msbsolicitors.co.uk.

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine solicitor called Bradley Armstrong who is a Partner and Head of Property at MSB Solicitors Limited.

The genuine firm of MSB Solicitors Limited and the genuine Bradley Armstrong have confirmed they do not have connection to the email domain 'msbbradarmstrong@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.