

The Fraud Bulletin *Extra*

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Your monthly update direct from West Mercia Police on the latest frauds

2-FACTOR AUTHENTICATION DAY – 17TH MARCH 2025

Both nationally by the National Crime Agency (NCA), and locally through West Mercia Police, the 17th March 2025 is being promoted as **2-Factor Awareness Day** to raise public awareness in protecting their online accounts.

2-Factor authentication (2FA), also sometimes called Two-Step Verification (2SV) or Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) adds an extra layer of security when signing into websites and online accounts.

So, it is an effective way to protect your online data and accounts, usually by text with a code to your mobile phone, or with biometrics such as your fingerprint or facial recognition, or an authentication app.

Further promotions will appear on social media and the mainstream media to keep you informed, but, in the meantime, the attached leaflet provides more details and can be circulated to your members and contacts.

Please feel free to share these messages with any vulnerable friends, relatives or neighbours



If you've fallen for a scam, report it to **Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040** or via actionfraud.police.uk.

Scam Text messages can be forwarded to 7726 to help phone providers take early action and block numbers that generate spam on their networks. Scam mobile calls can also be forwarded to **7726**, followed by the word "**CALL**", then the **scam phone number**

Forward **Fake Emails** received to report@phishing.gov.uk

For further information visit:

<https://www.actionfraud.police.uk/> <https://takefive-stopfraud.org.uk/>

