

## Alerts

### **Warning: Documentation has been sent purporting to be from Higgs LLP**

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A Purchase Order has been sent to a finance company purportedly from Higgs LLP.

#### **What is the scam?**

A purchase order has been sent to a finance company which bears the corporate logo and stamp of a genuine firm of solicitors (see below). The purchase order also contains the genuine contact details for the genuine firm.

#### **Is there a genuine firm or person?**

The SRA authorises and regulates a genuine firm of solicitors called Higgs LLP. The firm's head office is based at 3 Waterfront Business Park, Brierley Hill, DY5 1LX.

The genuine firm's telephone number is 03451115050.

The genuine firm has confirmed that it does not issue Purchase Orders.

#### **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.