

Devon and Cornwall **ALERT**

Keeping our communities in the know

Online scams and false online links

This is a message sent via Devon and Cornwall Alert. This information has been sent on behalf of Devon and Cornwall Police



Devon & Cornwall Police

(Please do not reply or forward this email directly; please use the Reply, Share buttons at the bottom of this message)

Message sent by

Natasha Radford (Police, Community Messaging Officer, Devon and Cornwall)

Police are warning the public to be aware of online scams and false online links.

This follows an incident recently whereby a 14 year old had an alert pop up on their mobile phone informing them that the phone had been hacked and they needed to phone the "Apple Support" number. The number provided was 0800 680 0156 - this is NOT APPLE SUPPORT so please do not contact this number.

Following this, a number of links to pornographic websites were sent out, which is obviously distressing for such a young individual. Therefore, please do not click on any links that you have not requested or are sure are safe and do not call any numbers as directed. Instead phone Apple support directly on their official number which can be found on their website.

If you have fallen foul of this, then ensure that you clear your browser history, log out of any active sessions on any social media sites and change all passwords for sites and email addresses.

Further help and advice can be found online on the [Devon and Cornwall Police](#) website and the [Action Fraud](#) website.
