

Trading Standards Scam Alert

Be Aware of Scam Lottery Mail

A consumer in Croydon has made Trading Standards aware she received notice from the Post Office that there was an item of mail which was addressed to her but had insufficient postage paid. She attended to collect the item and paid £2 costs. However, when she opened it, she realised it was a scam letter telling her she had won £45 Million on the Peoples Postcode Lottery.

Lottery scams are sadly very common and once you have called to 'claim' your non-existent prize you may well find you have been charged a large amount on your phone bill for calling a Premium Number. You are likely to also be asked to give personal information which could then be used fraudulently. Croydon Trading Standards would urge residents not to engage at all with these types of scams but to report it to Trading Standards. Common signs of scams are letters from lotteries you do not subscribe to, foreign lotteries or lotteries that ask you to pay to claim your prize.