

## Payroll scams: tips to help you protect your business

Our IT expert offers the following advice to help you protect your business from potential scams.

It is common for fraudsters to send plausible-sounding emails to employers, pretending to be a genuine company employee. They will make requests such as asking you to change their bank details to a new account which will be under the scammer's control.

Hackers often use social media sites such as LinkedIn to scrape data of individuals in HR and Finance departments to use in these targeted attacks.

To help prevent this you can:

- Review your privacy settings and assess what information is posted across social and professional accounts.
- Provide regular training for all staff to help them understand how to keep their own and their company's data secure.
- Ensure you have full, detailed and secure payroll procedures in place.
- Implement multi-factor authentication for all user logins to email accounts to make it more difficult for hackers to gain access.
- Make use of anti-virus and email scanning technologies to scan suspicious emails, attachments and links.

**If you have any concerns or questions relating to possible payroll fraud, please do get in touch and we will be pleased to advise you.**