



Scam Alert –‘Database’ update requests – 31 August 2017

Trading Standards are warning schools and educational organisations in Norfolk about unsolicited communications requesting that they ‘check their database entry’.

This follows a report from a Diss based organisation who received the fax pictured below requesting that they ‘check the data, sign and fax it back’.

Company Database

- Acquisition of Commercial Data -



██████████ Diss

Dear Sir or Madam,

Under the company-database ██████████ we ensure only the complete and current corporate and operational data for a successful trader and consumer recommendation. Please check the data base entry for proper entry and send it back no later than 30.08.2017 for editing and completion.



www.company-database-██████████

Reference: 1808-██████████

Date: 18.08.2017

Please complete or correct assuming any omissions or errors.

<u>Company Name:</u> ██████████	<u>Industry:</u> School & Educational Establishments
<u>Address:</u> ██████████	<u>Internet:</u>
<u>PLZ,Ort:</u> ██████████ Diss	<u>E-Mail:</u>
<u>Telephone:</u> 01379 ██████████	<u>Fax:</u> 00441379 ██████████

Benefit receipt / registration Format. Basic entry: Industry, company, address, postal code, city, Tel, fax, e-mail & Internet address, including Homepage and Google Maps. Contracting obligation of 73€ monthly excluding tax for two years for services provided. The updating and calculation is performed once per year. Image Entry: All services of the base entry plus Photo or logo and information text. Only in conjunction with base entry. Please note: Your registration shall company-database.net within a few working days back this up independent authorities and chamber offer. The updating and calculation is performed once per year. By signing the basic entry for two years will be ordered binding. Apply published on the Internet at company-database.net Terms and Conditions.

Check the data assuming again for accuracy.

-Please confirm the above information sign and fax it back to 30.08.2017 -

Please reply on Fax:

→ 020 3004 ██████████

X

Stamp / legally binding signature

Fax: 02030040 ██████████ e-Mail: mail@company-database-██████████ - www.company-database-██████████
██████████ Francia, ██████████ Valencia

This is a common scam approach towards businesses and other organisations attempting to fool them into completing and returning the form.

Following this an invoice is then sent 'requiring' payment for the 'service'. In this example the form states a payment of €73 per month for two years is required.

Previous examples of this scam have been sent by letter, email and fax.

To protect your school or organisation from these unsolicited approaches Trading Standards advises:

- Make all staff who deal with incoming communications aware of this type of scam approach
- NEVER respond to any such communication
- Any unsolicited contact followed by a request for an advance payment/fee is a good indication that someone is trying to defraud you. Do not pay
- Never disclose your bank details

If you have responded to one of these approaches and are receiving requests for payments you can report it to Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040 or by using their [online reporting tool](#)