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# Essex Police Fraud Alert System

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## CENSUS SCAMS STILL CIRCULATING

Residents are reminded to be aware of 2021 Census scams which continue to circulate following the closing date of March 21st.

Various emails and text messages have been received, including this one stating that there is missing information on the census submission and failure to correct this could result in a large fine.

CENSUS: There is missing information from your application. Failure to update your details may result in a £950 penalty. Visit: <https://census.myinfo-ref.com>

**Remember - you will never be issued with a fine by text message, phone call, email, or on social media and you will not be fined for a mistake on your census.** Please see the below information from Action Fraud and the Office for National Statistics (ONS) regarding Census scams.

For more information, please visit [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk) or [www.actionfraud.police.uk/news](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk/news)

## Watch out for scams related to **Census 2021**

- Official census-branded reminder letters are being sent to households who have not yet completed their census.
- A census field officer may also knock on the door of a home to provide help and encouragement to those who have not yet filled in their census questionnaire.
- Field officers will never ask for payment or bank details. They will never ask for other personal details such as your national insurance number and do not need to enter your home.
- You will never be issued with a fine by text message, phone call or email.

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If you or someone you know is vulnerable and has been a victim of fraud, please call **Essex Police** on **101**  
Report fraud or attempted fraud by contacting **Action Fraud** at [actionfraud.police.uk](http://actionfraud.police.uk) or call **0300 123 2040**

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