

[Fake Coronavirus GOV.UK Text Message](#)

A genuine '[GOV.UK](#) CORONAVIRUS ALERT' text was received by many mobile phones nationwide to inform the public of new rules in force to stay at home.

A second text message was received appearing in the same thread stating, 'We would like to inform you that you have been recorded leaving your home on 3 occasions yesterday. A fine of £35 has been added to your Gov.uk account. For further information please visit ... (fake penalty web address).'

The second message was a scam and included web links to fake payment pages.

Criminals are able to place texts following genuine messages in order to trick readers.

Never click on web links or attachments in messages. If you need to verify a message, do so via your own trusted method 🖱️

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