

# VOLKSWAGEN LOTTERY SCAM

25<sup>th</sup> September 2006



**Volkswagen UK is aware that e-mails are circulating purporting to be from the "Volkswagen Lottery Department" and informing recipients that they have won a brand new Volkswagen. A typical e-mail is reprinted below:**

**Please see our recommendations at the end of this document.**



THE LOTTERY DEPARTMENT  
Volkswagen Automobiles  
22 Garden Close, Stamford,  
Lincs, PE9 2YP, London  
United Kingdom  
[www.volkswagen.co.uk](http://www.volkswagen.co.uk)

## OFFICIAL PRIZE NOTIFICATION

This is to inform you that have been selected for a cash prize of £100,000.00 ( One Hundred Thousand Great British Pounds) and a brand new Volks Wagen Car , International programs held on the 21st of August 2006 in London The United Kingdom..

Description Of Volks Wagen Car to be Shipped to you.(Shipped to you Free)

BRAND:.....Fift Edition  
MODEL:.....2006 Model  
COLOUR:.....Metallic Blue  
ENGINE TYPE:.....1973cc 4-cylinder  
POWER:.....145bhp  
TRANSMISSIONS:.....Adaptive Automatic Transmission  
FUEL:.....29.1mpg (combined)

The selection process was carried out through random selection in our computerized email selection system(ess) from a database of over 250,000 email addresses drawn from all the continents of the world.

The Volks Wagen Car Promotional Lottery is approved by the British Gaming Board and also Licensed by the The International Association of Gaming Regulators (IAGR). This lottery is the 3rd of its kind and we intend to sensitize the public.

To begin the processing of your prize you are to contact your claims officer through our accredited Prize Transfer agents as stated below:

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Mr. David Smith,  
22 Garden Close, Stamford,  
Lincs, PE9 2YP, London  
United Kingdom  
E-mail:[davidsmith\\_claims officer@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:davidsmith_claims officer@yahoo.co.uk)  
Phone Number:+447024091898  
Time to call(10am to 5pm london time)  
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contact him, please provide him with your secret pin code x7pwyz2006 and your reference number VM:12052006/21.You are also advised to provide him with the under listed information as soon as possible:

Claims Requirements:

- 1.Name in full-----
  - 2.Address-----
  - 3.Sex-----
  - 4.Nationality-----
  - 5.Marital Status-----
  - 6. Age-----
  - 7.Next Of Kin-----
  - 8.Occupation-----
  - 9.Phone/Fax-----
  - 10.Present Country-----
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If you do not contact your claims agent within 7 working days of this notification,your winnings would be revoked. Winners are advised to keep their winning details/information from the public to avoid fraudulent claim (IMPORTANT)pending the transfer/claim by Winner.  
 \*Winner under the age of 18 are automatically disqualified.  
 \*Staff of the Volks Wagen Company are not to partake in this Car Promotional Lottery.

Accept my hearty congratulations once again!  
 With Best Regards

Mr Henry Hills  
 Lottery Manager

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**Our Recommendations:**

We would like to make it clear that these e-mails have no connection to Volkswagen UK. Extensive enquiries have established that this is an online scam originating from Nigeria. We have also established that the telephone numbers contained in the e-mail do not route to the UK (as would be suggested from the code) but actually route to a Nigerian premium rate telephone number. Therefore, calls to these numbers will cost significantly in excess of what would be expected when dialling the number contained in the e-mail. Volkswagen UK therefore recommends that if you receive such an e-mail that you do not attempt to call the telephone number detailed in the e-mail.

Volkswagen UK has been liaising with various telecommunications companies and have succeeded in having a number of the telephone lines quoted in the e-mails disconnected. However, the fraudsters seem to be able to reappear with a new telephone number in subsequent e-mails.

We have also been liaising with the Office of Fair Trading and the police in an attempt to stop this unwelcome scam. However, it has not yet been possible to identify the individuals behind the scam in Nigeria.

Volkswagen UK recommends that if you receive an e-mail purporting to be from the "Volkswagen Lottery Department" that you do not respond to the e-mail in any way, and delete the e-mail. Please be assured that Volkswagen UK has no connection with this e-mail, and would not conduct any such campaign

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