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THE FORUM OF TRUST





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A Message from TUFF CEO

In 1995 a group of telecommunications security professionals met to discuss rapidly evolving fraud threats and risks. The group quickly identified the benefit of sharing information in a trusted environment to assist in the prevention and detection of fraud and related industry crime.

From these initial discussions the foundation of TUFF was laid, and it has evolved to include membership from the communications industry, risk and fraud management vendors, Wi-Fi providers, communications equipment vendors, equipment recyclers, insurance and financial industry and recently expanded to include law enforcement professionals.

TUFF membership demonstrates your company's commitment to work with industry partners to prevent and stop fraud. Membership identifies you as a professional and provides a number of unique benefits.

Andy Beet OBE



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About TUFF

Telecommunications fraud and crime impact on all aspects of modern-day life and the aim of the Forum is to mitigate any attempts to defraud our members, as well as their customers, through creating a Forum of Trust where information and techniques on the abuse of communications can be shared within a trusted environment.

TUFF is a membership forum providing a platform through which members can share expertise and experience so as to be better equipped to counter the challenges of modern-day telecommunications fraud and related crime.

Members are drawn from the UK telecom industry as well as other anti-fraud organisations, regulatory bodies, solution vendors and companies involved in the telecommunications equipment life cycle.

TUFF members work closely with law enforcement, regulators, and other likeminded organisations in the daily battle to minimise the impact of fraud and crime on members and their customers. TUFF is a not-for profit company limited by guarantee, totally funded, and operated by its members. It is a recognised industry body.

TUFF is a Specified Anti-Fraud Organisation (SAFO) under section 68 of the <u>Serious Crime</u>
Act 2007.



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TUFF Membership Categories 2025/2026

Annual Membership 6 April – 5 April. Companies joining during the membership year are charged on pro rata basis.

Communications Company Membership

Large (More than 500 employees) £5000

Medium (less than 500 employees) £3000

Corporate Communications / Fraud Industry Related Membership

Open to companies who service and support the telecommunication and fraud sector. This includes but is not limited to the provision of products, services, support and technology to assist with fraud prevention and detection.

£2850

SME's Membership

Open to medium sized companies who provide products and services related to the equipment used in the communications industry. This includes, but not limited to, insurance companies, mobile phone suppliers, recyclers, and resellers,

£1800

Small enterprise membership

Open to small companies who provide products and services to the communications industry. This would include, but not limited to small independent stores, suppliers and startups.

£500

Law Enforcement Membership

TUFF provides FREE annual LEA Membership which is primarily aimed at staff engaged in specialist telecommunications and fraud related roles.

All membership fees are subject to VAT

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TUFF Member Benefits

- Our status as a Home Office Approved Specified Anti-Fraud Organisation (one of the first of only 11 nominated organisations) facilitating the sharing and dissemination of information.
- TUFF co-ordinates with national anti-fraud campaigns and workshops.
- Established working relationships with the National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB)/City of London Police Economic Crime Directorate and operational commands.
- Our broadening capability across industries and sectors, affording an 'over the horizon' and international view of fraud threats.
- TUFF's Accreditation Training package and new Academy to introduce e-learning packages for members.
- TUFF's lead on AIT and the establishment of an industry AIT group
- Specialist Training Events for industry skill sets (Investigators, Analysts, Fraud Managers, etc)
- Opportunities to attend private / invitation only events.
- International liaison, via CFCA, on communications fraud issues that impact carriers globally, including circulation of alerts.
- Our ability to react quickly to changing threats and to muster resources through Specialist Working Groups to examine cross-industry and cross-geography solution.
- Participation in TUFF working groups.
- Opportunity to brief and share information with other TUFF members.
- Receipt of Fraud Alerts
- Global contacts through our extensive network of telecoms operators and fraud professionals
- Intelligence and information briefings
- Co-ordination of Fraud Investigator Apprenticeship Courses.

Note – Some workshops, briefings and activities may be restricted to certain categories of membership.

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<u>LinkedIn</u> Follow us on LinkedIn to see some of our latest activities.

For more information or to arrange a call to discuss membership contact tuff@tuff.co.uk

