



## Rio 2016 Olympics Ticket Fraud

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## RIO 2016 OLYMPICS TICKET FRAUD

The Olympic Games in Rio de Janeiro begin on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2016 and as of late June, you will be able to purchase tickets from the Rio 2016 ticket offices. Purchasing from an unauthorised seller or a ticket tout could leave you out of pocket; not only are the tickets advertised at inflated prices, there is a risk that the tickets purchased are counterfeit or do not exist. Any individual with a counterfeit ticket will be refused entry.

To help protect yourself, the list of authorised sellers has been published on the official website and provides a list of trusted resellers; this can be found at [www.rio2016.com](http://www.rio2016.com). Equally, tickets purchased that are no longer needed can be sold through the Rio 2016 website for a 100% reimbursement of the amount paid if the tickets are resold.

## PROTECTION / PREVENTION ADVICE

- Always check the authorised sellers list which is published for the Rio Olympics.
- When purchasing from another company or individual, ask questions; specifically *when* you will receive the ticket and *what* type of ticket you are purchasing.
- Pay for tickets by using a credit card or trusted payment service. Payments made by bank transfer may not be recoverable.
- Always check that the payment screen is secure by looking for the padlock symbol or making sure the website/url begins with "https".
- If you have been affected by this, or any other scam, report it to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040, or visiting [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk)

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