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E-payment systems 'can reduce fraud'

Online payment systems can reduce the number of cases of e-crime, one such provider has said.

Nick Drew, director of e-commerce operations at **ClickandBuy**, observed that customers were not wrong if they felt that online fraud was on the rise.

He added that they should protect themselves from falling victim to internet fraud if they use secure payment systems when shopping online or paying bills.

'Consumers are correct in recognising that the internet provides fraudsters with a more flexible means of committing fraud, but savvy online shoppers realise that there are safe and secure online payment methods available,' Mr Drew explained.

'Shoppers and retailers are starting to adopt technologies ... to combat the criminals and protect against the risk of fraud.'

Mr Drew's comments come in response to a survey by his organisation which found that 84 per cent of users feel online fraud is on the rise as the uptake of the internet widens around the world.