

CYBER-SAFE CHRISTMAS

PRACTICAL ADVICE TO STAY SAFE ONLINE

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Use Official Websites

Be wary of any seller asking you to pay by bank transfer or outside of a website. Using credit cards or a payment service like PayPal offer additional protection. Check for 'https://' at the beginning of web addresses or a locked padlock symbol in your browser



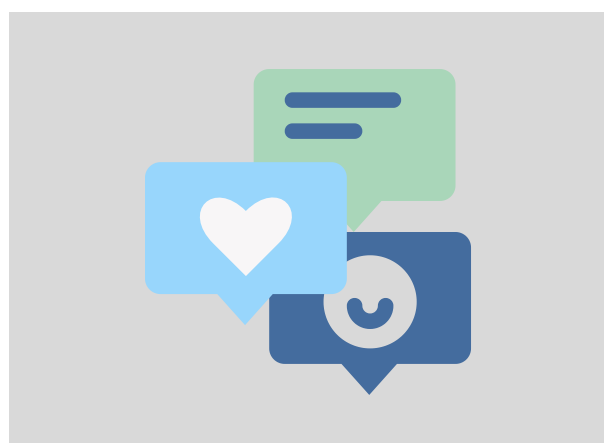
Use Strong Passwords

Create a strong password by using three memorable (but random) words. Adding numbers and special characters increases the password strength. Use unique passwords for each of your important accounts such as for social media, email, banking.



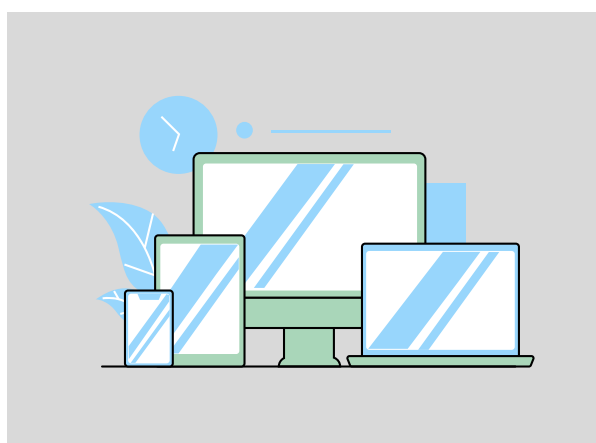
Check your statements & documents

Routinely check your bank statements, keeping an eye for transaction you're not aware of. If you suspect anything untoward contact your bank immediately. Real companies will usually send you an order confirmation after making a purchase.



Be careful with adverts on social media

Avoid clicking links on advertisements. Check reputable websites for reviews to check for the legitimacy of products and services. If in doubt about the authenticity of a website, don't give any information. Schedule and run anti-virus scans regularly. If you think you may have visited a suspicious website, run a scan.



Secure your 'Smart' devices

Do not keep the default settings on your WiFi-connected devices. Usernames and passwords should be changed, if possible. Keep an eye on available updates and security fixes from the manufacturer. If you decide to sell your device, remember to do a factory reset to return it to original settings and remove your data



Use a guest account on websites

If you don't use a website often, consider buying things as a 'guest' rather than making an account. Limit the personal information that you provide when buying items online. This limits the information available to criminals if they successfully hack the Seller's company

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