

6 Cyber Scams and How to Avoid Them

A cyber scam is when people use emails, texts, phone calls, or fake websites to trick people into giving away personal information or money.



Start a family conversation:

- What are some signs that an email, text, or phone call might be a scam?
- Why do you think scammers try to make people feel rushed, excited, or worried?
- If you think someone is trying to scam you online what should you do first?

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Phishing

Fake emails that try to trick you. Don't click links or give personal details. Report the message.

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Vishing

Phone calls that pretend to be the bank or government. Don't share information unless you contacted them first.

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Smishing

Never click links in unexpected texts especially if they say you received money or there's a problem with your account.

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Contests and Giveaways

Messages may say you won a prize but ask for money or personal info first. Don't share if you didn't enter a contest.

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Online Shopping

Only shop on trusted websites and be suspicious of deals that seem too good to be true. It could be a scam.

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Tech Support

A pop-up or email says your device has a virus and to download a fix. Close the pop-up and ask a trusted adult for help.



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Stay Safe Together.**

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