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Thread: [How Do You Spot Online Scams?](#)

Prawnster - October 1, 2024, 5:38 pm

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Yeah I feel like these are the best ways, staying skeptical of anything that you come across and looking into it further before making any decisions with passing over information or funds.

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Hahaha yeah tbf, some of them are still lazy as shit but sometimes you can come across some real sneaky ones ;)

Fish - October 2, 2024, 10:12 am

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earacvent - October 2, 2024, 10:15 am

Poor English was my answer, too. But recently, if they are too eager, that seems like a dead giveaway to me.

DemonAsylum - October 2, 2024, 10:17 am

I feel like most of the signs are pretty common sense. Sketchy links and pages, bad grammar, the deal sounding too good to be true, that sort of stuff. Obviously there are some others as well and it also can depend on what kind of scam it is or where it's happening, but yeah. You get the idea. Stay safe everyone!

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Yeah true, I know for a fact that people can get google ads accepted very easily to spread scams etc.

Jake Johnson - October 21, 2024, 4:09 pm

I mean normally most scams are pretty obvious. Or at least to someone who is more techy or on the internet a lot they are easy to spot. Now for someone who barely uses the computer then I think they might not be as obvious. I get texts all the time with weird funky links that have bad grammar or saying something about my missing package from UPS when I don't have a package coming with UPS lol.

Chrome - October 21, 2024, 4:13 pm

Theres a lot of ways to know if it's a scam. Take your time, do research. Use a lot of logic.

DanielZ - October 21, 2024, 4:21 pm

I don't know how to spot but the best is to avoid deals that seem sketchy, especially when it's a lot of money

sharn - October 23, 2024, 5:58 am

I pay attention for bad grammar, unbelievable offers and I always double-check the websites URL to prevent falling for a scam.

Snowwy - October 23, 2024, 9:59 am

I guess if it seems too good to be true, it probably is.

Eran - October 23, 2024, 10:40 am

I mean, most of them are pretty obvious to spot, if you've been spending a lot of time online, talking about years here. Too good to be true, poor grammar, botted reviews, sketchy links etc.

Deany - October 23, 2024, 12:35 pm

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Pimping - October 23, 2024, 8:09 pm

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Jinu - October 23, 2024, 10:53 pm

It's true that spotting scams is getting harder with advances in AI and more sophisticated tactics. Aside from looking out for the classic signs like poor grammar or unrealistic promises, I also check the URL carefully to make sure it's legit, and avoid clicking links or downloading files from unknown sources. I rely on two-factor authentication for my accounts and use a password manager to generate strong passwords. Staying up-to-date on the latest scam trends is also key to staying ahead! How about you? Any other methods you rely on?

sharn - October 24, 2024, 4:08 am

(Oct 23, 2024 12:35 PM)Deany Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Usually when price is too good to be true for an item I completely agree. If the price seems unrealistically low, that is a warning sign.

DashPHP - October 24, 2024, 4:48 am

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Prawnster - October 30, 2024, 7:16 pm

(Oct 24, 2024 04:48 AM)DashPHP Wrote: [\[CITE\]](#) Usually the links at the footer leads to the actual webpage, or no where.

That's a good one tbf, I normally check for where the links through the page lead but normally have spotted it by the time I get to the footer hahaha

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know most scams out there and what to look for. some i have been surprised about tho
I completely agree with that, once you've seen a few scams, it becomes much easier to quickly spot and identify them. There have been other new types of scams surfacing recently though, but it's usually not impossible to tell whether it is a scam or not.