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STAYING SAFE ONLINE

TOP TIPS

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Don't Give Out Personal Information

Avoid **online phishing** attempts by keeping your personal information **private**. Don't give out your phone number, social security information, or banking info to someone you don't know.

What is Phishing?

A technique that frauds and scammers use in an attempt to gain sensitive data, such as bank account numbers. They do this by pretending to be a legitimate business/employee on websites and emails.

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Create Complex Passwords

Create passwords with a combination of **letters, numbers and symbols.** Consider using password managers to create and keep track of your passwords.

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Check Website Reliability

Before purchasing anything on a website ensure that it's safe. You can do this by checking if it has a **small lock icon** or "https" before the URL. The **"s"** in **"https"** stands for **"secure"** and the lock means it's confirmed as a safe site by your browser.

Avoid Suspicious Online Links

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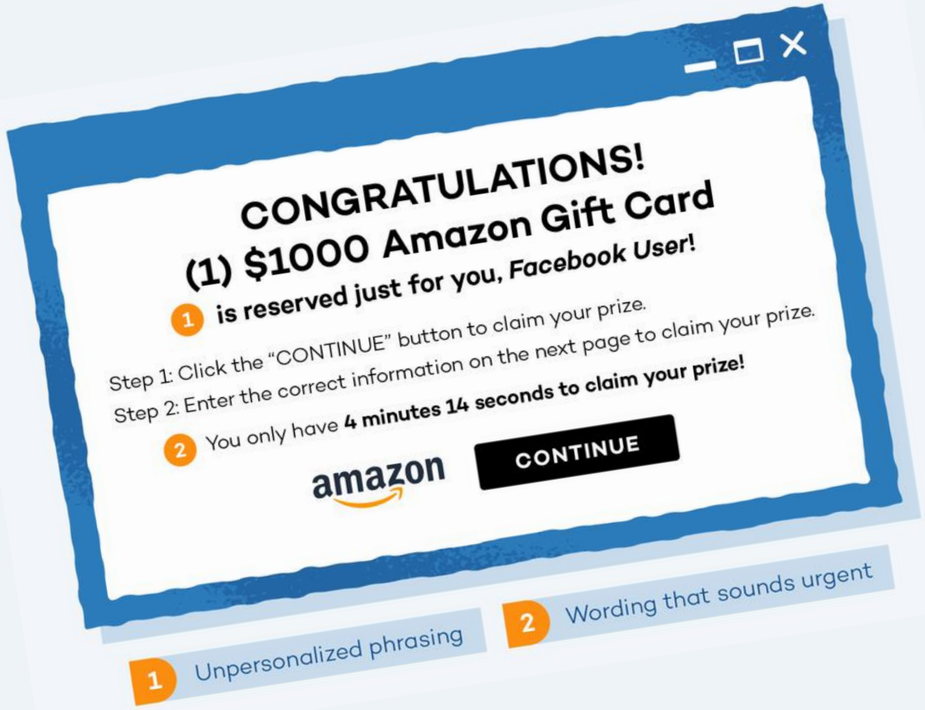
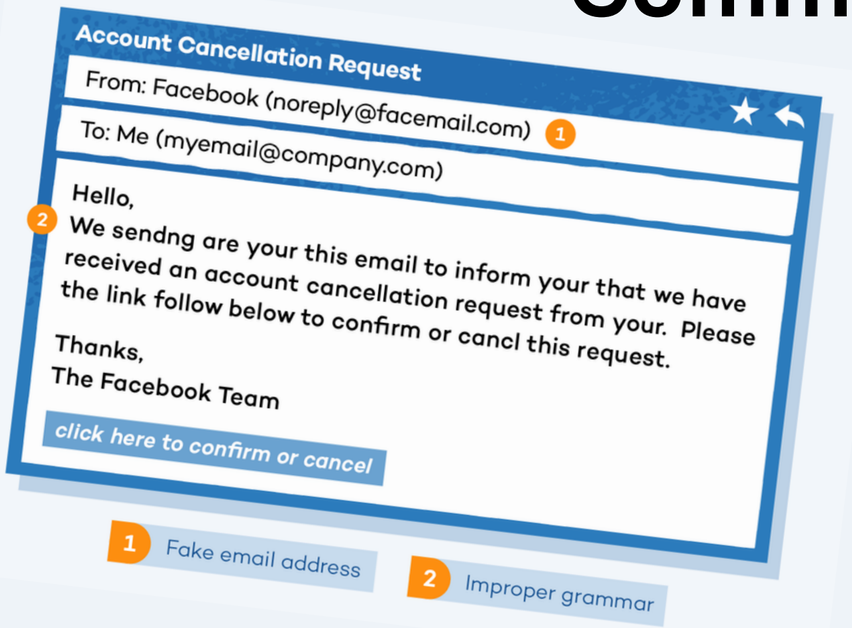
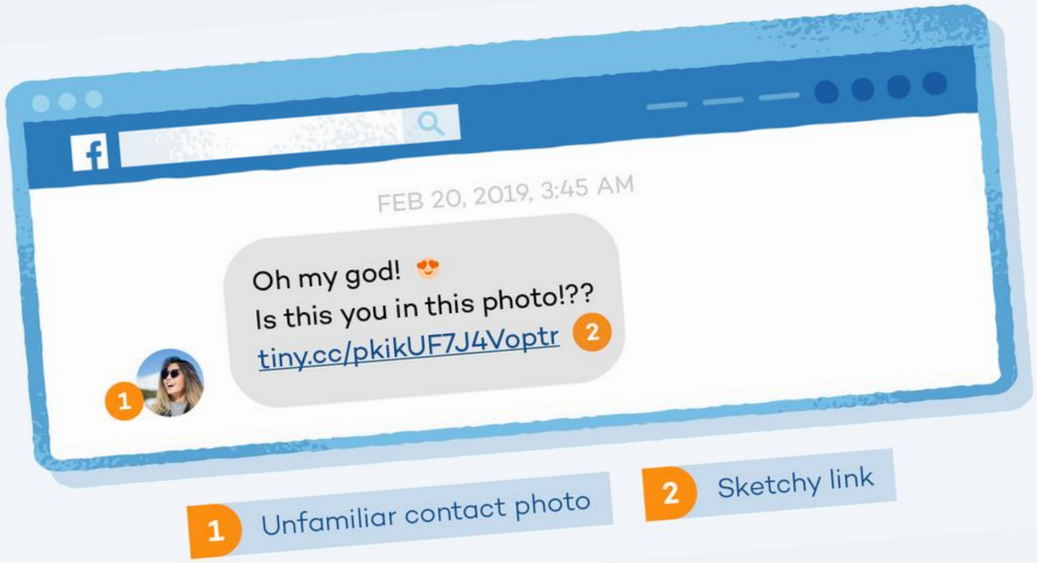
Be careful of websites or emails containing suspicious links. Some websites may use **quizzes**, **freebies**, or **indecent images/stories** to get you to click on them and then steal your personal information.

Common Social Media Scams







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Keep Your Computer Updated

Computer developers release updates to **keep products safe.** Keep your device software up to date so it is not vulnerable to malware.

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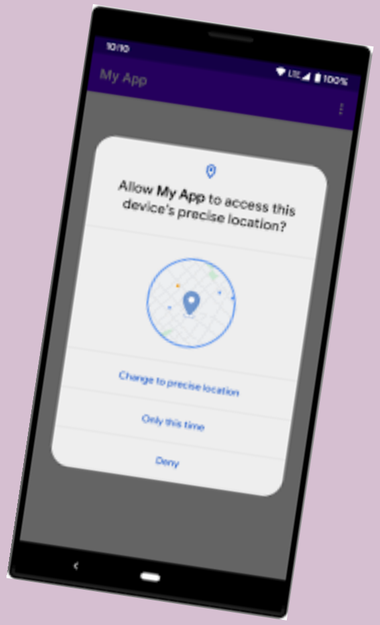
Monitor App Permissions

Learn the **privacy settings** for any device, app or service you use. Some apps will ask for permission to access **photos**, **locations**, **contacts** and **other personal information**. Stay informed so you aren't sharing anything you don't want to.



Protect Your Online Reputation

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Use the services provided to manage your digital footprints and **‘think before you post.’** Content posted online can last forever and could be shared publicly by anyone.

Did you know?

Up to 80% of employers are likely to check a candidate's social media accounts as part of their recruitment procedure.

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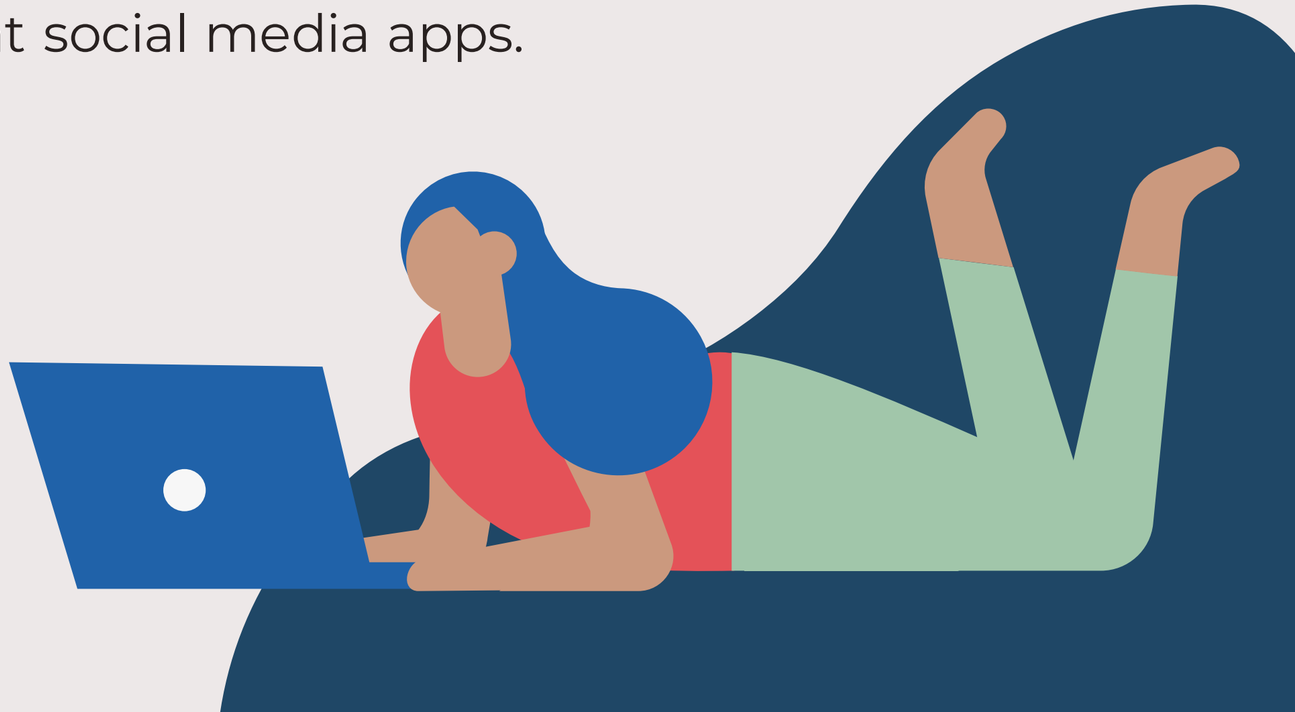
Respect The Law

Use **reliable services** and know how to legally access the music, film and TV you want.

Know How to Block Users on Social Media

To **protect yourself** from strangers, **hurtful comments** and **unwanted messages**, make sure you know how to block users on the different social media apps.



Know where to go for help

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Understand how to **report** to service providers. If something happens that upsets you online, **it's never too late to tell someone.**

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