

6 TIPS

to Thwart COVID-19 Cyberscams



What can you do to help stop online scam artists from taking advantage of the global pandemic? Here are tips to keep you connected—and secure.

#stayingconnected

- 1 Think Before You Click**
 - Don't click on links from sources you don't know. They could contain viruses.
- 2 Turn to Official Sources**
 - Watch for emails claiming to be from public health experts. Here are the official websites of the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** and the **World Health Organization**.
- 3 Vaccine Hoax Alert**
 - Ignore online or phone offers for vaccinations. There currently are no vaccines or other products—prescription or over-the-counter—that treat or cure COVID-19.
- 4 Think Before You Give**
 - Do your homework before giving to **charities** or crowdfunding sites.
 - Don't let anyone rush you into making a donation.
 - If someone wants donations in cash, by gift card or by wiring money, just say no.
- 5 Don't Share Personal or Financial Data**
 - Via email or unsolicited phone call.
- 6 Turn on Auto Updates**
 - Keep your software up-to-date on your computer, smartphone and tablet to defend against viruses and hacking attempts.

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