

Online Holiday Shopping Safety Tips

Now that holiday shopping is in full swing, here are a few tips about how to stay safe online while buying gifts for everyone on your list.

1. Keep an eye on bank statements

Contact your financial institution if you notice any suspicious activity (like being charged for a purchase you didn't make).



2. Think before you click

If you receive an enticing offer, make sure it's coming from an actual retailer and uses a web address that matches the company's online store.

3. Enable multi-factor authentication

Multi-factor authentication will fortify your accounts with tools such as biometrics or a unique one-time code sent to your phone.



4. Use secure Wi-Fi

Shopping online using public Wi-Fi is not very secure. Use a VPN, hotspot, or save items in your cart for later and make the purchases at home.

5. Give the gift of cybersecurity

Purchasing an internet-connected device for a loved one? Research how to make the device secure.

Teach them to:

- Configure privacy/security settings
- Set a strong password
- Deactivate features they don't need

