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10 Tips to Help You Stay Cyber-Safe and Live Cyber-Smart While Shopping Online

1 Legitimate Websites

Ensure the legitimacy of websites before making purchases, like checking reviews and confirming URLs.

2 Suspicious Deals

Be skeptical of deals that seem too good to be true, a \$20 PlayStation 5 listing as a likely scam.

3 Public Wi-Fi Risks

Using public Wi-Fi for online shopping is risky, consider using your phone's data or a secure VPN instead.

4 Credit Card Usage

Try using credit cards instead of debit cards for online shopping due to stronger fraud protection and faster dispute resolution.

5 Multi-Factor Authentication

When available add an extra verification step like text or email for account protection, this helps keep hackers out even if they have your password.

6 Unique Passwords

Avoid password reuse across multiple sites, and consider the use of a password manager for better security.

7 Bank Monitoring

Regularly review bank and credit card activity, and setting up alerts for purchases over a certain amount to detect unauthorized transactions.

8 Package Tracking

When tracking packages only use legitimate apps and websites, and being cautious of fake delivery notifications.

9 Questionable Links

Do not click on links in suspicious emails or messages, and instead going directly to the retailer's website.

10 Fake Contests

Be mindful of scammers posting fake contests asking for personal information. Free giveaways are almost always fake or a scam.

