

How to Avoid Scam Websites



Check the URL

Secure websites begin with "HTTPS" and padlock symbol in the URL.

Check Domain

Look for a domains like .com, .gov, .org, or .edu. Research domains you don't know.

Check Address

Look for a physical address and working phone number. Scam businesses often have neither.

Mind the Grammar

Scam websites commonly include frequent spelling and grammar mistakes.

Payment Methods

Authentic websites use common payment methods like VISA, Mastercard, PayPal, etc.

Watch for Warnings

If your browser warns you that the site is dangerous, leave the website.

Check for Security

Secure websites often display badges from well-known security companies to protect personal information.

Read Reviews

Check a company's reviews on search engines or social media. Read complaints filed with the Better Business Bureau.

Verify as many items on this checklist as possible to avoid scams.