Tis the season for safe shopping

Keep these tips in mind when shopping online.

Use a secure payment method, like your credit card, not debit card.

Only buy from websites you trust. Check the URL to make sure the site you’re on isn’t fake.

Check websites for legitimate contact information, including an active customer service number.

Avoid shopping on public computers or over public WiFi.

Watch out for fake shopping apps. Download apps directly from the company website and check reviews in the app store.

Save your receipts and check your credit card statements frequently to identify fraudulent charges.

If it seems too good to be true, it probably is.

Look into a retailer’s reputation and read reviews.

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