

# BE SAFE TIPS ON COMMON ONLINE SCAMS

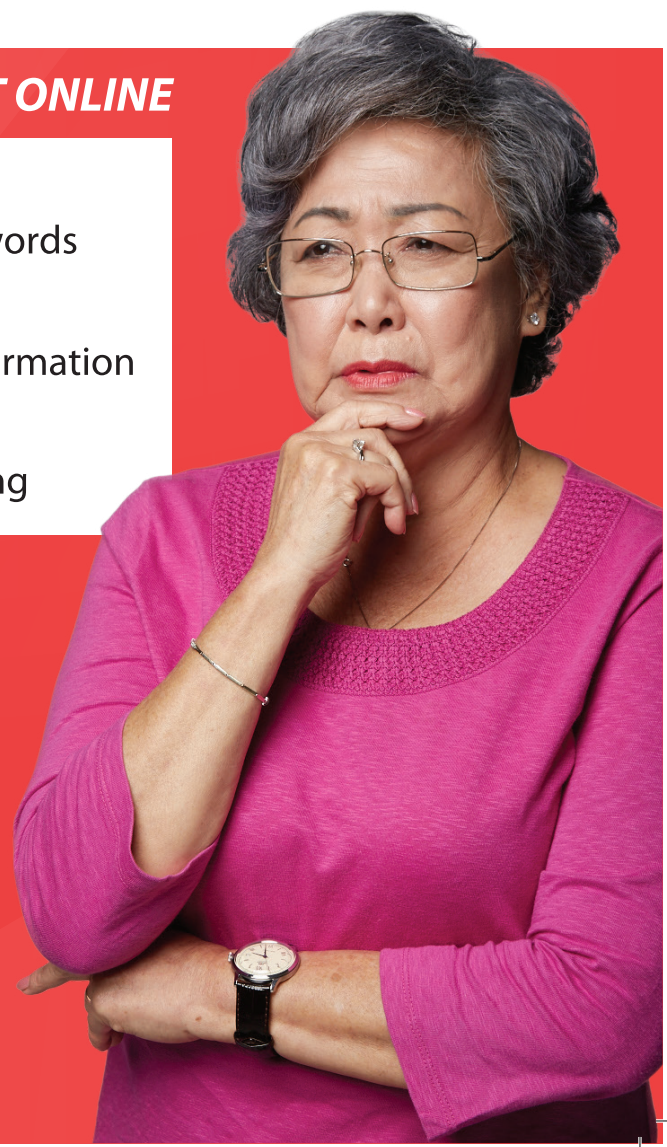


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## DO WHAT'S RIGHT ONLINE

-  **CREATE**  
strong passwords
-  **PROTECT**  
personal information
-  **VERIFY**  
before clicking

 **CHECK  
Please!**  
Be Safe. Be Smart. Be Kind.



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# Before you trust or click, **CHECK PLEASE!**

Use our checklist of 7 tips to learn how to avoid getting scammed.

## 01 BEWARE OF STRANGE CALLS

Cold calls are not online scams but they are one of the most common scams in Singapore. The scammer calls to get your personal information or money. They may be intimidating or friendly, and may even know details about you through your social media. Hang up immediately and check with the organisation directly to find out if the call came from them.

## 02 KEEP YOUR PERSONAL DETAILS SAFE

Be careful of the personal information you share online. It may be difficult to manage how it is used when it becomes publicly available.

## 03 CHECK SUSPICIOUS RECEIPTS

If you receive an invoice for a product or service that you haven't purchased, either through post or email, check with the supplier directly. These fake receipt scams often direct you to verify your purchase through scam sites requiring your account details.

## 04 BE ALERT IF SOMEONE ASKS YOU FOR MONEY

Be cautious trusting someone that you have not met in person, and offer emotional instead of financial support.

## 05 STAY DRESSED

If you are persuaded or blackmailed into sending explicit photos or videos of yourself, the scammer may threaten to share them unless you pay a ransom. Be careful when accepting friend requests from strangers, and stop all contact if the conversation becomes uncomfortable.

## 06 KNOW WHAT YOU SIGN UP FOR

Some companies may ask for your card details for a cheaper or free trial of their service, then automatically charge a subscription fee. Check reviews of companies, and read the terms and conditions before signing up. Review your bank statements regularly so that you are aware of any changes in subscription charges.

## 07 CULTIVATE GOOD ONLINE HABITS

Before giving out personal information, verify the source. Make it a point to set strong passwords and change them regularly.