6 TIPS to thwart COVID-19 Cyberscams

What can you do to help stop online scam artists from taking advantage of the global pandemic? Here are tips to keep you connected—and secure.

1 Think Before You Click

→ Don't **click on links from sources you don't know.** They could contain viruses.

2 Turn to Official Sources

→ Watch for emails claiming to be from public health experts. Here are the official websites of the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** and **the World Health Organization.**

3 Vaccine Hoax Alert

→ Ignore online or phone offers for vaccinations. There currently are no vaccines or other products—prescription or over-the-counter—that treat or cure COVID-19.

4 Think Before You Give

→ Do your homework before giving to charities or crowdfunding sites.

→ Don't let anyone rush you into making a donation.

→ If someone wants donations in cash, by gift card or by wiring money, just say no.

5 Don't Share Personal or Financial Data

→ Via email or unsolicited phone call.

6 Turn on Auto Updates

→ Keep your software up-to-date on your computer, smartphone and tablet to defend against viruses and hacking attempts.

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