

# Identity Theft

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# Today's Agenda...

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- ☐ Knowledge Check
- ☐ What is Cyber Crime?
- ☐ Identity Theft
- ☐ Phishing
- ☐ Common Scams *inc. online and mobile phone scams*
- ☐ Prevention Methods

# Knowledge Check

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❏ “I have internet access but I don’t shop online, this means I won’t become a victim of Cyber Crime.”

❏ ***Is this statement True or False?***

# Knowledge Check

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☐ “Identity Theft is a type of crime in which personal information is stolen to carry out criminal activities.”

☐ ***Is this statement True or False?***

# Knowledge Check

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- ☐ “Cyber Crime is a type of crime carried out by criminals using computers, or similar devices, with a connection to the internet.”
- ☐ ***Is this statement True or False?***

# Knowledge Check

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☐ “The Internet is so big that things like fraud or identity theft shouldn't really concern you; the probability you will be targeted is very small unless you use the Internet a lot.”

☐ ***Is this statement True or False?***

# Identity Theft

- ☐ Using another's personal details to obtain credit, loans.
- ☐ 9.9 million people affected per year.
  - ☐ 19 victims every minute.
- ☐ If caught early it can be resolved



## How do they do it?

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- ☐ Phishing – Criminals pose as 'legitimate companies'.
- ☐ Email hundreds of people from the Suckers List.
- ☐ people reply criminals now have everything they need to steal your identity.

**AVOID** 



# Tips to Prevent ID Theft

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1. Shred anything with your details on.
2. Check your statements and report anything suspicious.
3. Ensure your home network is secure.
4. Ignore emails saying “You’ve Won...” or from somebody you’re suspicious about.



# Prevention Tips

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- ☐ Be cautious of emails that request your details. Companies will not ask via email.**
- ☐ From someone you don't know/contains an attachment - delete it.**
- ☐ Call the sender to confirm that it was them that sent it.**

# Mass Market Scam Mail (MMSM)

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- ☒ **Receiving a letter or email saying someone has won a lottery or a prize.**
- ☒ **A person will input their details to claim the “prize”.**
- ☒ **Criminals then obtain personal details, inc. bank details to steal money.**

## Prevention Tips

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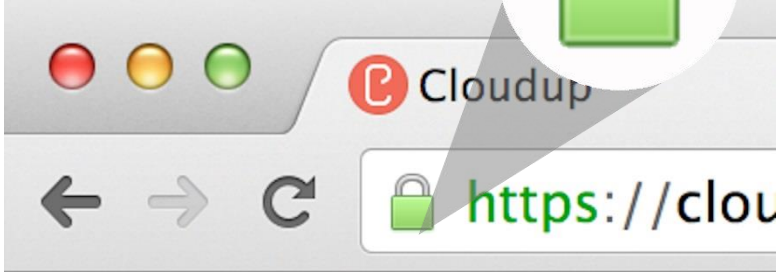
- ❏ You cannot win money/a prize if you haven't entered into any competition.**
- ❏ You do not have to pay a fee to claim a legitimate prize.**
- ❏ Do not give personal information**
- ❏ Delete the email straight away!**

# Common Scams – Online Shopping

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- ❑ Deceitful shopping's scams reliant on the secrecy of the internet.
- ❑ Whilst majority of auction sellers are genuine, there're some who sell fake goods.
- ❑ Sellers use these sites to “sell” popular items.

Which one is fake?



Dashes not used

1. <http://signin-ebay.com/>
2. <https://signin.ebay.com/>

"HTTPS"  
S = Secure

Periods  
are used



# Romance Scams



- ❑ **Cost £24.5 million per year.**
- ❑ **2,800 online dating crimes are reported.**
- ❑ **55% of all reported crimes came from 40-59 year olds and 63% from females.**
- ❑ **Victims are fooled by criminals using fake personal profiles.**
- ❑ **Gain the trust of their victims, then request money.**

# Prevention Tips

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- ☒ Don't put yourself and your identity in jeopardy.
- ☒ Do not reveal too much/protect your privacy.
- ☒ Never send money to people you haven't met.
- ☒ Keep all communication on the dating website.
- ☒ Be courteous when "keep this is a secret" is mentioned



# Mobile Phone Scams

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- ❏ **Receiving a text from an unknown number saying you have won and that you need to claim money/prize.**
- ❏ **Costs to text back are an extortionate amount.**

# Prevention Tips

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☒ **Do NOT reply** to text messages that offer you money.

☒ **Do NOT reply** to text messages encouraging you to enter a competition.

☒ You may have to call a premium rate number - **Do NOT** phone them back.

# Prevention Methods

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- ☐ Secure websites and an internet safety software.
- ☐ Responding to unusual emails can put you on a 'Suckers List' – Do NOT reply.
- ☐ Banks never ask for personal bank details via email. Do NOT reply.
- ☐ Be aware of your surroundings – never reuse a passwords

# 10 Golden Rules

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1. There's no guaranteed get-rich-quick schemes - sound too good to be true?
2. Never send money or give out your details when you do not know/trust the person or company you are giving them to.
3. Destroy personal information, shred documents, credit cards etc.
4. Log directly onto a website rather than clicking on the link provided.
5. Never reply to spam emails, even when you're trying to stop them.
6. Always remember: scammers are cunning and clever. They know how to manipulate you to produce the response they want.
7. Legitimate banks and companies will not ask for your details via email or phone.
8. Just because a company has a well design website doesn't means it legitimate.
9. Be suspicious. If you are unsure about anything, seek advice from family or Police.
10. Never get embarrassed by reporting a scam –