BEWARE of cyber criminals and their aggressive and creative ways to steal money and personal information.

Scammers use many techniques to fool potential victims.

- Fraudulent auction sales Reshipping merchandise purchased with a stolen credit card.
- Sale of fraudulent or stolen gift cards through auction sites at discounted prices.
- Phishing e-mails advertising brand name merchandise for bargain prices.
- Emails promoting the sale of merchandise that ends up being a counterfeit product.

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A helpful guide to identify potential online shopping scams & cyber fraud.

AVOID CYBER FRAUD

SHOP WHERE YOU TRUST

Some businesses are fabricated by people who just want your credit card information and other personal details.

AVOID USING PUBLIC WiFi

Shopping online usually means giving out information that an identity thief would love to grab, including your name and credit card information.

LOOK FOR THE PADLOCK

Always use a secure Internet connection when making a purchase.

https:// http://

If you don't see that lock or the "s" after "http," then the webpage isn't secure. Because there is no privacy protection attached to these pages.

USE STRONG P@$$wORd5

- Use a complex set of lowercase and uppercase numbers, letters, and symbols.
- Don't use birth dates, kid names or personal information that's easy to guess.
- Don't use the same password on multiple accounts.

Caveat Emptor
BUYER BEWARE

If it looks too good to be true then it probably is.

CHECK YOUR BANK STATEMENTS

Check your statements for fraudulent charges at least once a week, or set up account alerts.

Use a legitimate online payment service so that the seller of the item doesn't actually obtain your credit card number.

WATCH FOR EMAIL SCAMS

Clicking on emails from unknown senders and unrecognizable sellers could infect your computer with viruses and malware.

Delete them, don't click on any links, and don't open any attachments.

Do not respond to unsolicited [spam] e-mail.

Do not click on links contained within an unsolicited e-mail.

DON'T GIVE OUT PERSONAL INFORMATION... EVER.

Reputable shopping websites will never ask for your social security number. If you're ever asked for personal information click off and walk away.

Sources: FBI.gov & Better Business Bureau

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