

# How to stay scam savvy

5 top tips to avoid online shopping scams.



## 1. Too good to be true?

If it looks or sounds too good to be true, it probably is. So, if you can't find a deal that good elsewhere, it's likely a scam.



## 2. Check website authenticity

If shopping at an unknown or unfamiliar retailer, search for reviews beyond the retailer's site and/or use a website reputation checker.



## 3. Use secure payments

Where possible, pay using a credit card or PayPal. Avoid payments such as gift cards, cash, wire transfer or cryptocurrency.



## 4. Check link legitimacy

Check that a link is sending you to a website you recognise by hovering over it before clicking. Also, confirm the spelling of the URL is the website you're expecting.



## 5. Verify buyers & sellers

Scammers can easily pose as both buyers and sellers on platforms like Gumtree, eBay and Facebook Marketplace, so be cautious and read the ratings and reviews of sellers.

### Take our Security Wellbeing Check

Being scam savvy is just the start - safeguarding your information is important too. That's why within the St.George App you'll find the Security Wellbeing Check - a comprehensive list of features that should be updated to ensure you're provided with additional protection.

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