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# Shopping Safely Online

*Online shopping is popular, but it also creates opportunities for people to get scammed. If you're going to buy anything online, here are some tips to keep your money and personal information safe.*



Is the site well-known? Big companies like Amazon, Walmart, and Target are generally trustworthy.



Check the URL. Does it start with https? Is there a lock icon? This tells you your data is encrypted when it's transmitted to the site.



Look out for online offers that seem too good to be true. They probably are. Don't click links in emails or text messages that come from strangers and be cautious buying things in online marketplaces.



Avoid submitting sensitive information like your credit card number while on public WiFi networks.



Don't save your payment information on the site or on the computer, especially when using a public or shared computer.

For more information, visit <https://safedata.umd.edu>

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