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.

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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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