

BASIC DIGITAL SAFETY

the internet is a useful tool has made many tasks more manageable and easier than before but with any tool are always people who will use them for criminal reasons, however here are some basic yet effective tips to keeping from online scams.

Health scams :they are deceptive or fake advertisements for medical products like heavily discounted items or false cures that can be dangerous to use, to check its legitimacy to click the registered pharmacy logo on the home page which leads to the General Pharmaceutical Council website

Fake websites: convincing looking websites which are just scams which will ask for personal/financial information and usually seem like official government services that will charge much more than the real website would such as drivers licencing and passport and banking services. you should visit the uk gov website and use the services needed there

Computer viruses: these are various harmful types of programs that can infect your virus usually they are put there by a malicious hacker as seemingly harmless files, emails or suspicious emails this will infect and control your computer as this happens the Hacker can use your computer to see your passwords delete files and slow down your system along with other dangerous behaviour

best way to protect your online safety: be vigilante of signs that your computer is infected with a virus such as draining battery life, slowing processing speeds and frequent pop ups. to prevent these issues always update your operating system and use antivirus software

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