

SCAM ALERT



Christmas is around the corner and the convenience offered by the internet at this time is a huge relief from the mad rush of shopping in brick-and-mortar stores. This is also an active time for scammers to work their magic. **Be wary of the following scams.**

ONLINE SCAMS

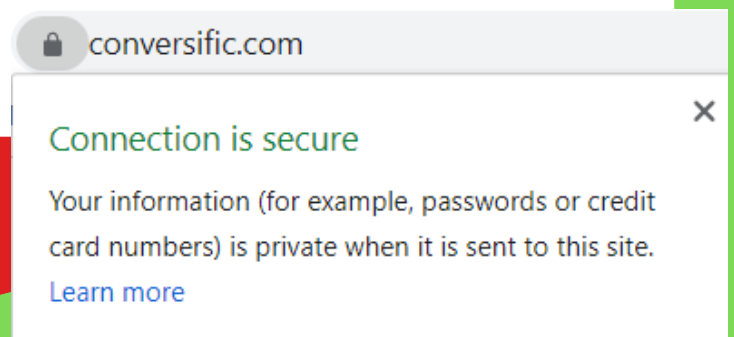
TO WATCH OUT FOR DURING THE HOLIDAYS

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1 FAKE SHOPPING SITES

Double-check the pages where you do your Christmas shopping as these may be fake websites seeking to scam you. Watch out for redirections to pages with "http:///" in the URL and bargains that are too good to be true.



Check the connection type
The "https" tag is more secure compared to "HTTP"



2 MONEY TRANSFER SCAMS

If you are selling goods online, be wary of scammers who may claim to have sent more money than the agreed amount and ask you to transfer the balance. Be vigilant against purchasers who request for money through wire transfers or offers that require you to pay to receive your "earnings."

Check their credibility, and check reviews in the case of online shopping sites and money transfer agencies.



3 SOCIAL MEDIA SCAMS

Be wary of "friends" who suddenly contact you to ask for money for "emergencies." These could be hackers who are impersonating your friends to scam you. Verify before sending funds.

When you're on social media, it's probably a good idea not to trust everything that comes your way or believe content that's coming from people you already know.

