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# 8 TIPS

## To be more Cybersecure

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### Do you know how to use the internet safely?

The internet is a scary place, and these days it is easier than ever for hackers to gain access to your information. Be aware of the risks and how to take action, especially with your online personal information.



#### EMAIL FRAUD

If it seems too good to be true, it is probably fraud. Don't believe that lottery awards staff or princes from a foreign country will contact you by email!



#### FRAUDULENT PAYMENTS

Be on guard against fraudulent checks, cashier's checks, money orders or electronic fund transfers sent with a request for you to wire back part of the money.



#### UNSOLICITED OFFERS

Be wary of unsolicited offers that require you to "ACT FAST".



#### STAY UP-TO-DATE

Make sure your device is up-to-date with the latest security updates for your operating system — Windows, Apple IOS, mobile phone IOS (Apple, Android, etc).



#### WARNINGS + ERRORS

Do not trust websites with certificate warnings or errors.



#### BEWARE OF EMAIL ATTACHMENTS

It's never a good idea to click on an email attachment or free software from unknown sources. You could end up exposing your system to online fraud and theft.



#### SHARING ONLINE

Watch how much you share online. The more you post about yourself on social networking sites, the easier it may be for someone to use that information to access your accounts, steal your identity and more. Protect your personal information by maximizing your privacy settings.



#### FINANCIAL SCAMS

Be aware of disaster-related financial scams. Con artists take advantage of people after catastrophic events by claiming to be from legitimate charitable organizations when, in fact, they are attempting to steal money or valuable personal information.

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### Additional resources about being safe online:

Texas Department of Banking - [www.dob.texas.gov](http://www.dob.texas.gov)

Texas Bankers Association: [www.texasbankers.com/bankingsafely](http://www.texasbankers.com/bankingsafely)

Better Business Bureau: [www.bbb.org/council/for-businesses/cybersecurity](http://www.bbb.org/council/for-businesses/cybersecurity)