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STAYING SAFE FROM TRICKY SCAMS



Hey there! As we continue on our journey of learning how to manage our pocket money wisely, there's another important lesson we need to master – protecting ourselves from scams. Scams are like tricky puzzles that people use to try and take away our valuable stuff or information. Scammers are sneaky, and they can try to trick anyone, including kids like us! Today, we'll show you how to spot and guard against scams so that you can stay one step ahead!

RECOGNIZING SCAMS!

WARNING

Too Good to Be True: Remember, if something sounds too amazing to be real, it probably is! No one gives away cool stuff for free without a catch.

WARNING

Weird Links and Emails: Watch out for strange or misspelled website links or email addresses. Real companies use proper spelling!

WARNING

Personal Information Request: Be careful when someone asks for personal information like your home address or your phone number or your parents' phone numbers. Your personal stuff is precious!

WARNING

Scary Threats: Scammers might pretend that something terrible has happened, like your computer or TikTok account being hacked, to try to scare you. Don't fall for it!



COMMON ONLINE SCAMS

Phishing: This one's like a fishing trip, but not the fun kind! Scammers send you emails that look real, but they're not. They want to trick you into giving away your personal information.

Job Scams: Be wary of messages about easy, high-paying jobs on WhatsApp, TikTok, or Instagram. Teens can be targets for these scams. Remember to always check with your parents!

Vishing: Scammers might call and pretend to be the staff from your Bank. They wanted to obtain your personal information or your money. Be careful on the phone!

Social Media Spoofing: Sometimes, scammers create fake profiles and pretend to be your friends or family. They'll ask for help with something fake. Don't be fooled!

Contests and Giveaways: Be cautious about contests or giveaways on social media. Some can be fake, and their intention is to get your personal information or money.

PROTECTING OURSELVES

GUARD YOUR INFO

Don't share personal stuff like your name, address, school, or phone numbers with strangers. Ask your parents for permission if you want to share your number with friends.

ONLINE FRIENDS

Not everyone online is your friend. Be careful who you trust.

DETECT FAKE STUFF

Learn to spot fake websites and ads. A quick Google search can help.

STRONGER PASSWORDS

Use strong passwords and try 'two-factor authentication' (a security system that requires two separate, distinct forms of identification in order to access something) for your email and social media accounts. It adds extra security layers!



STAY SMART AND STAY SAFE, YOUNG DETECTIVES! IF SOMETHING EVER FEELS STRANGE OR UNCOMFORTABLE ONLINE, REMEMBER TO TALK TO YOUR PARENTS OR TEACHERS. THEY'RE ALWAYS HERE TO HELP YOU NAVIGATE THE DIGITAL WORLD SAFELY!