



10 COMMON SENSE TIPS TO AVOID BECOMING A FRAUD VICTIM


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HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF

There are 10 common-sense tips you can follow to avoid becoming a victim of fraud. Check out the guide to find out what they are.

How to Protect Yourself

10 common sense tips to avoid becoming a fraud victim

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Beware of offers for cheap travel that are 'too good to be true.'



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Keep your debit/credit cards safe. Don't store or write down your PIN codes or passwords. Protect your cards as you would your cash.



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Consider all emails requesting personal information as suspicious.



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Protect your PC, laptop, tablet and smartphone with strong passwords and with security programs such as antivirus/anti-spyware.





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Protect your mobile devices when using WI-FI in public places – unprotected use can reveal personal information you're sending.




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