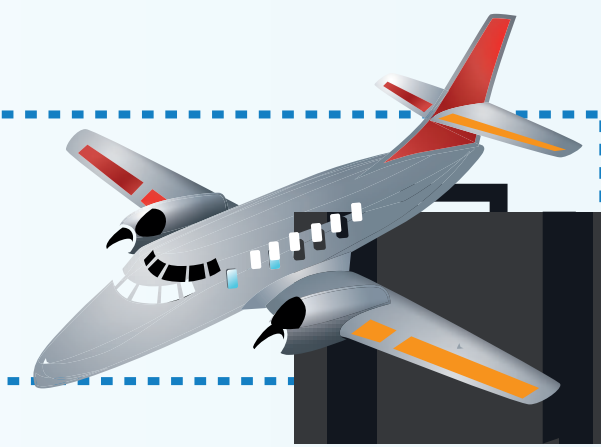**EUROPOL**
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How to Protect Yourself
10 common sense tips to avoid becoming a fraud victim

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

2 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.

3 Consider all emails requesting personal information as suspicious.

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

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

6 Only buy from trusted sources. For Internet purchases, make sure you use the Internet security protocol called 3D Secure - Verified by Visa/SecureCode/SafeKey. Ask your bank or your card issuer about it.

7 Check your credit card statements upon receipt – saving your card receipts will help you verify your statement.

8 Use HTTPS and SSL protocols when browsing over the Internet, look for the padlock symbol on the URL bar.

9 Beware and never respond to 'phishing' emails that ask for personal details nor to unsolicited proposals offering you easy money.

10 Only download files or software from trusted sources.